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From Our Grand President.

To the Brotherhood:

Since my last I have visited Detroit, where I find Nos. 12 and 133 in good shape. No. 8, of Toledo, is not as strong as I would like to see it, but there are hopes of its growing. The boys are wide awake and may be expected to give a good account of themselves in the near future. Work in the Middle West may be said to be falling off somewhat; not quite so lively as a month ago. Nos. 41 and 45, of Buffalo, are doing fine. The Pan-American is helping them out. No. 25 is especially to be congratulated upon their condition after their hard fight with the Bell Tel. Co. the past summer. Quite a number of brothers from other locals are working on the Pan-American in the town at the foot of the lake. No. 14, Pittsburg, held an open meeting on the 17th. It was what might be termed a hummer. I had the pleasure of being their guest and I can assure them that I shall not soon forget it. I think 10 or 18 applications were the result. No. 14 is getting on her feet once more, under able management.

Wherever I go, with one or two exceptions, I find the I. B. E. W. in good shape. All the locals in Texas are out for better pay and shorter hours, with fair prospects of winning. Butte, No. 65, and Indianapolis, No. 10, have gained a victory, as well as a number of other locals, all of which shows the I. B. E. W. is a power in the United States and Canada.

The P. S. of No. 68 asks for information regarding the New York and Chicago locals. That's right, brother. If there is anything about the running of this organization you don't understand, speak out.

This is not only your privilege, but your duty; and when questions are asked in a spirit of fairness, with a desire to be fair and without prejudging the E. B. or G. P. in asking the question, I am only too glad to answer any and all questions asked by any member of the brotherhood.

Now, in regard to the New York and Chicago locals, if you will look at the February number of the Worker, page 25, you will find the whole thing in a nutshell; but for fear some may not have the February number of the Worker I will explain the matter so that all may understand. About the first of January, 1900, I began to receive letters from the various central bodies in New York, and at the A. F. of L. Convention held in Detroit in December of last year, when I met many representatives from New York, I was told that No. 12, at that time a New York L. U. affiliated with the I. B. E. W., were scabs pure and simple, and would not be recognized by the central bodies on Manhattan Island. At the same time Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., wrote us urging that something be done in Greater New York or we would eventually be shut out of New York entirely. I was sick at the time and could not go to New York. I therefore instructed the G. S., the G. T. and V.-P. Russell to go to New York and negotiate a deal with the independents (No. 3), and if possible get them into the I. B. E. W. There were more than 1,000 of these independents and they virtually controlled the inside construction work in and around Greater New York, while No. 12 was doing little but scabbing and belittling the good name of our organization and giving us a bad reputation on the earth. These three members of the E. B. entered into an agreement with the so-called inde-

pendents and they became affiliated with the I. B. E. W., and the charter of No. 12 was revoked and they (No. 12) immediately proceeded to form an independent local, but received no recognition from the central bodies, but did succeed in affiliating with the Parsons faction of the I. B. E. W.

The terms by which No. 3 was admitted, briefly stated, are these: They may charge \$50 initiation fee (the Constitution gives them this privilege). They agree to pay into the general office as per capita tax the sum of 20 cents per member per month, but, on condition that they waive all rights to strike benefits, the general office will return to them 25 per cent. of this amount, or five cents per member, or in other words they No. 3, will pay into the general office, as per capita tax, 15 cents per member per month, and agree to waive all rights to strike benefits. In case they should go on a strike they cannot demand any financial aid from the I. B. E. W., but would be compelled to go it alone unless the E. B. should deem it wise to go to their assistance. They forfeit all right to strike benefits and there can be no appeal. They were also given jurisdiction over all territory within a radius of 25 miles from the City Hall in New York city. They were also given the right to establish an examining board and charge for an examination and a certificate, or a card certifying that a member had passed an examination qualifying said member to do inside construction work, the sum of \$75. They were also given the privilege of retaining their old number, 3, and further, in consideration of the fact that they were then and had been for some time in control of the situation in Greater New York, and were able to demand and obtain for their members a minimum wage of \$3.50 for an 8-hour day,

and had built up an L. U. of upwards of 1,000 members, all of which had taken years of time, hard work and money, and because we felt that unless we could get a foothold in New York we were doomed in the East, and upon the urgent request of the president of the A. F. of L. and the central bodies on Manhattan Island, and further because we considered it a good financial venture, as it requires time and money to build up such a local.

So far as the I. B. E. W. was concerned, upon the advice of a majority of the E. B., No. 3, independents, of New York, became a part and parcel of the I. B. E. W. No. 3, or any other local, cannot charge any member of another local who may desire to deposit his card, any difference in the initiation fee, providing such member has been a member of some L. U. in good standing for one year previous to the time he deposits his card with No. 3, or any other local. (See Sec. 4 Art. 9 of the Constitution.) But No. 3 has the right, according to their agreement with the E. B., to charge \$25 for an examination, and if the member passes he is entitled to a card and a job if there is one. No. 3 is disposed to be fair, and if a brother applies for an examination he is given every opportunity to pay the \$25.

Now we come to the strike of No. 3 and the aid given them by the E. B. Early in the summer this local went out for better conditions with exceedingly bright prospects of gaining their point, but man proposes and the Lord disposes, as many of us know from experience. Not receiving the support from the central bodies they were entitled to, the central bodies being divided themselves, and because of the hostility of the chief mogul of the K. of L. in New York, one Henry J. Hicks, who was lately expelled from the C. of L. by special resolution, on the allegation that he filled places of striking electricians in New York city with non-union men, which includes members of No. 12, they, No. 3, found themselves up against the real thing. It was brain, nerve and endurance against the almighty dollar, and the dollar won. The strike was prolonged and they needed money. I was called to New York; went and made an investigation. I felt, after looking over the field, that if the men could be held for four weeks longer the fight could be won. No. 3 was putting up a splendid front and were apparently gaining ground, but they must have money. If the strike was lost at that time it meant death to the I. B. E. W. on Manhattan Isle; and having gained a foothold I did not propose to lose it. Old No. 12 had recruited its ranks with all the scabs from Scabtown, and was eagerly waiting to get No. 3 on the run and take advantage of the opportunity to make New York a scab town so far as the electric work was concerned. I took in the situation at once

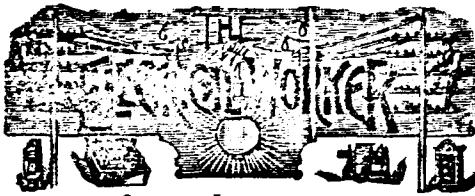
and was prepared to balk their plans if possible. I at once laid the facts before the E. B. and they decided to loan No. 3 \$2,000. We did not give it to them, as they were not entitled to it according to the terms of agreement, but we did loan it to them. This stemmed the tide of battle for a while; \$2,000 is quite a sum, but it was not enough, and the strike was lost. We would like to have helped them more, but the E. B. was powerless. We were at the end of our string, but I believe the \$2,000 prolonged the strike beyond the danger point, so far as old No. 12 was concerned, and made No. 3 safe and kept it from going to wreck upon the rocks of discouragement.

Since then No. 3 has had a hard time of it; many members dropped out, while others got in debt by being idle and could not pay money into the local until their debts were paid. The local itself had many debts to pay and no money, but a majority of the boys were game to the last, and, although they came out of the battle scarred and bleeding, they never gave up the ship. They are just getting on their feet and are paying per capita and will ere long, without a doubt, begin paying the \$2,000 loaned them by the E. B. in their hour of trouble. Now, what is true of No. 3 of New York is true of No. 134 of Chicago, with the exception that No. 134 did not go out on strike and they pay the full amount, 20 cents, as per capita tax, and are entitled to strike benefit the same as any other local union. With this exception the terms of admittance are exactly the same. No. 134 brought into the I. B. E. W. something like 500 members. Before they were admitted into the organization a member of the I. B. E. W. could not work at inside construction work in Chicago unless he scabbed, for the reason that the I. B. E. W. could not get recognition from the B. T. C. of that city so long as these independents were in the field. The rules of the B. T. C. will not allow two organizations of the same trade affiliated. I felt that the I. B. E. W. ought to have a show, and Chicago was too big a city to go by default. I therefore commissioned Bro. J. H. Maloney to negotiate a deal with the independents. How well he succeeded is evidenced by the fact that now any member of the I. B. E. W., if he be in good standing, can deposit his card, pay \$25, and if he passes, can work an 8-hour day at the rate of 50 cents per hour, time and a half for overtime, with other fixings thrown in, providing he has been a member in good standing for one year. If he has been a member less than one year he must pay the difference in initiation, if any. For doing as we did the E. B. has been severely censured by some and applauded by others. I believe a majority of the brotherhood sanction what was done. Anyway, we did what we thought was best

for the I. B. E. W., and have no reason to regret our action at this writing. Time will demonstrate whether or not our course was a wise one. It is true the action could not or cannot be termed strictly constitutional, but it was, I believe, good business policy. The I. C. could not possibly foresee what was to occur in the future. They could not be expected to frame a law to govern a case they knew nothing of or about. The next I. C. was nearly two years off. There was a crisis at hand which meant the life or death of the I. B. E. W. in New York and Chicago; therefore, inasmuch as the I. C. could not come to the aid of the Brotherhood, it remained for the E. B. to use its best judgment, which it did. I have never yet regretted our action, and were the same ground to be gone over again I believe I would do the same as I did, and I believe the E. B. feels the same as I do; and I also believe the Brotherhood would stand by us as they have in the past.

No. 41, of Buffalo, is just now demanding \$10 for an examination fee. This privilege was granted by the E. B. because they controlled the situation on the Pan-American and in the city so far as the contractors are concerned. They, No. 41, are able to guarantee to members of their L. U. \$3 for an 8-hour day. They have an agreement with the contractors to this effect. The contract expires Jan. 1st, 1902. Because they have been able, by hard work, much time and money, to bring about this state of affairs and are able to demand and maintain this rate of wages for more than a year in advance, and to protect them from the cheap labor which otherwise would bother them in their own city, the E. B. have given them the privilege of charging \$10 examination fee, providing a brother intends working for the contractors when he deposits his card. But with the Pan-American it is different. If a brother intends to work for the Pan-American Exposition people only, he need not pay an examination fee of any amount. No. 41 has no agreement with the P.-A. people, and is, therefore, unable to control the situation. True, the P.-A. people pay the regular rate of \$4 per day, but have no agreement or contract with No. 41, and therefore No. 41 must not charge for examination. But they do not have the right, constitutionally, to demand that a brother deposit his card while working within their jurisdiction, and if they choose to stand upon their constitutional rights they can demand that the brother depositing his card shall pass an examination, but no fee is necessary except as stated above. I feel sure all will understand what I have endeavored to explain.

There is in the city of Boston an independent association of inside electrical workers. I am at this writing negotiating with them with a view to getting them into the I. B. E. W. They are about 130



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THE SAME OLD STORY.

We are sorry to announce to the readers of the Electrical Worker that there has been blood spilled over the strike in San Antonio, Texas. Sad indeed are the conditions which confront the American workingmen who have not only capital to fight, but the meanest things that crawl on God's earth—scabs. These rats, who know they sacrifice every bit of manhood when they take another's job while on strike, procure a pistol and, we are sorry to say, many times the heads of the companies know they have them on their person, but they care not. Their only thought is not to pay a living rate of wages, get men as cheap as possible and

increase the dividends. What care they how many men are killed or wounded, it's money they want. In this city there was selected a committee composed of level-headed, prominent business men to arbitrate the matter, but as usual met with the same flat refusal, we have nothing to arbitrate.

Oh, but, gentlemen, you are in the wrong. Your employees are underpaid and not well treated. If you will meet them and talk the matter over an understanding can be reached. The same old reply, we will not meet a committee from the local union, but will deal with our employees. Why not meet a committee from the union, Mr. Manager? Oh, we would rather treat with our employees. Why with your employees and not with the union? Oh, there is no particular reason only we wanted to attend to our own business. Oh, Mr. Manager, that is not the reason. We will tell you the reason, you know when you treat with men as individuals you can play on their selfish natures, can pick out some good mechanic and pat him on the back and say, "Now, old fellow, we want to do the square thing by you. Why, we will give you what the strikers demand to come back."

And we are sorry to say sometimes the little "con" game has worked and been the means of breaking the backbone of a strike, but the poor deluded man who was inveigled into this trap realizes in a short time he has made a mistake, that the pat on the back was a delusion and a snare. The manager, so genial and kind, has drifted back into the same old hard-hearted way. Why, he passes me by without saying good morning. Here I am, deserted by my fellow-workingmen and by my employer. Where shall I go? Let us look into these shooting affairs. We find the murderous scab was imported from another city. Why was it necessary for him to leave his home to go elsewhere to rob another of the necessity of life for himself and little ones? Think you, gentle reader, this rat was a good workman? Oh, no; if he had been he never would have taken another's position and then added insult to injury by committing murder. We are especially sorry that the trouble in San Antonio has come to this, but what can be expected when the rats employed are permitted to carry firearms.

Now, if this matter had been arbitrated there would have been no murder committed. Mr. Manager, it is useless to refuse to treat with organized labor, for the time will come when every company in this broad land of ours will treat with labor organizations, for it will be absolutely necessary to do so in order to get competent men and women to do your work. So just remember, Mr. Stockholder, when you are praying in church on Sabbath day that there was a murder committed

and some of the dividend money you received last quarter has human blood on it. It has robbed a wife of a husband, children of their father! Don't close your eyes to these facts and say how am I to blame? You are at fault. You can compel your manager to meet a committee and talk the matter over. Let him, the manager, understand he is flesh and blood just the same as the men who climb the poles and put in the instruments. The same blood courses through his veins, red blood. We recognize no blue blood in this country. You must realize you are dealing with men, not cattle. Then and not until then will these labor strikes stop. If we fail to win, don't think you have us beaten, for unionism will never surrender. It will keep fighting until victory perches on its banner.

We are very often in receipt of telegrams asking the secretary to send money to assist in a strike, and perhaps the senders have at times become impatient, not receiving a hasty response. There is a reason for delay when money is asked for. The G. S. does not wish to assume the whole responsibility and therefore takes time to consult the E. B. We have had many strikes to contend with and the drain upon our treasury has been very heavy, but the E. B. has endeavored at all times to give as much as possible. The strikes have been universal and we have tried to help them all, but no member of this Brotherhood would want the G. S. to have full control in matters of this kind, and let us say right here the G. S. has no desire to have that control. We have often received telegrams asking if we would send money and requesting an answer, "yes or no." Brothers, how would you answer that, when you have no power in the matter but one vote? Remember there was an Executive Board composed of nine men elected to transact the business, and matters must be left to them.

ELECTRICAL workers are requested to keep away from Waco, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and Los Angeles, California, as we have strikes on in these cities.

To the Officers and Members of the I. B. E. W.:

Greeting—In compliance with Section 3 of Article XXI, I herewith submit a report for the fiscal year ending Oct. 1, 1900. During this year we had many cases of trouble to contend with, as all members are aware. In some we have come out victorious, others were compromised, while in some we have met temporary defeat. During the nine years' existence of our Brotherhood we have had more strikes in the last year than in the eight previous, and they have cost lots of money, but in my humble opinion it has been money

well spent, as the Brotherhood is in better condition today than ever before. Our growth has been phenomenal. Our receipts are good and we have laid the foundation of one of the best labor organizations in the United States and Canada, and much of our success can be attributed to the position taken by our E. B.—In times of war with capital do all you can to win, and to follow this our treasury was nearly depleted, so much so it became absolutely necessary to levy an assessment on each member of the Brotherhood. We succeeded in the last year in getting three independent bodies of electrical workers, No. 3 of New York, the Electrical Mechanics of Chicago and also of San Francisco, Cal. That these three bodies have added great strength to our Brotherhood goes without saying. It has been a pleasure to us all to note our rapid growth, having granted 79 charters in one year. This has been accomplished by united effort. While our growth has been very satisfactory, we should not rest until we have at least 200 locals by the time to hold our next convention. There is no apparent reason why this cannot be accomplished. We have endeavored to do our honest duty. Hoping the report will be carefully perused, and thanking the officers and members of the I. B. E. W. for the many courtesies shown, I beg to remain,

Fraternally,

H. W. SHERMAN,
G. S.

Secretary's Report for November.

P.C.	Init.	Sup.	But.	Assess.	Total.
1	\$26.00	\$2.00	\$.50		\$28.50
2	34.80	12.00			46.80
3	281.20			\$99.80	381.00
6	33.00	12.00			45.00
7	22.60	4.00	2.00	6.00	.36.60
9	42.20	6.00	1.25		49.45
10	22.40	24.00			46.40
11	4.60				4.60
12	2.80				2.80
14		8.40			8.40
16		2.25			2.25
17	40.40	8.00			48.40
20	37.60	44.00	6.00		87.60
21	15.20	6.00			21.20
22	11.80	4.00			15.80
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29	7.80	1.00			8.80
30	11.80	16.00	1.00		28.80
31	14.40	10.00		50	24.90
32	4.20				4.20
35	4.40	2.00			6.40
36	8.60	34.00	4.00	2.00	48.60
37	24.40	2.00			26.40
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39	31.00				31.00
40	9.40	2.00			11.40
41		1.00	2.00		3.00
42	14.20	2.00			16.20
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47	6.00				6.00

49	\$4.60	\$6.00	\$1.50		\$12.10	155		\$ 35	\$ 35
52	75.40	14.00			89.40	156	44.00	\$20.00	2.70
53	2.00				2.00	157		41.00	41.00
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118	16.00	11.00	5.75	1.00		33.75			
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122	5.20	2.00				7.20			
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OUR LOCALS.

Local Union No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The World's fair is assured to be held in St. Louis in 1903 by the recent election, and the committees are busy in order to be ready to start the construction by spring. It is not now known in what location it will be held. We will inform your readers when the work commences through your columns. Would not advise anyone to come just now as we have quite a lot of idle members, as the Bell Tel. Co. cut its force down to about twenty-five men the first of this month.

Organized labor is becoming prominent in the elections here. Several candidates were defeated in our last campaign for showing favors to the St. Louis Transit Co. in the strike last summer, and Judge Jacob Klein was defeated for calling the union label a badge of servitude in his decision against the Allied Printing Trades Council last year.

Bro. P. H. Wissinger, our worthy grand treasurer, surprised the brothers of No. 2 by coming in on us unexpected. We all join in and thank him for his remarks and encouragement and hope he will stay longer when he next visits us.

Bros. Henry J. Casey and Ernst W. Jones recently entered into wedlock. Success to them. Bros. Chard and Meeks are slowly recovering from the effects of their accident. Bro. Jas. Keliy has been sick and confined to his bed for three months.

The brothers from Baltimore were given a rousing reception on the eve of their departure for home, a stag party, composed of J. M. Riley, Chas. Walton, J. M. Mulligan, Al. Laking, W. Clower, Al. Rutledge, E. Smeltzer and their St. Louis friends too numerous to mention. They were highly esteemed by the Sickner Electric Co. for their work in installing their plant.

Bro. James Carver's letter containing his traveling card has been returned to us, as it was uncalled for at Galveston, Tex. He can get it by applying any time.

Will inform all brothers that Chas. Pearson arrived in St. Louis a few weeks ago and, on promise to join the union, our business agent got him a job and stood good for his board. He worked a week and drew his time and skipped out without paying his board. Such a rascal is as bad as a scab at any time, as he is throwing his fellow workman down who befriended him.

I sincerely hope that the proposition placed before the locals by L. U. No. 9 will be considered and passed, as it is something that will greatly strengthen our organization as well as be a benefit to the

members and their families in case of accident or death.

This being my last letter of this year, I wish all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With McKinley's prosperity and full dinner pail, we hope to accomplish as much next year as we did this one.

Our last two meetings were dismissed at 9:30 o'clock. Bro. Warne, our president, has not missed a meeting during his term of office, and calls meetings to order at 8 P. M. prompt. We hope his successor will do as well. We cannot offer words of praise too great for our whole staff of officers.

The cable splicers have received a charter and robbed us of our Vice-Pres., Bro. Joe McCarthy.

Ex-Bro. Frank Chamblin died last Sunday of pneumonia, leaving a widow and three children to mourn his loss. Bro. Chamblin was always a good union man and would be a member in good standing if he had not been sick from a fall he received about ten mouths ago while working for the St. Louis & Suburban R. R., from which he never fully recovered.

Again wishing all brothers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain,

Fraternally,
JOHN J. MANSON,
Press. Sec.

Local Union No. 3.

New York, Nov. 20, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

My organization having seen fit to appoint me press secretary, I shall proceed to relate facts pertaining to all, and to our mutual interest, not only to brothers in the East, but to the brothers at Tombstone, Ariz., if we have a local at that point, and every other individual member of the brotherhood. We have had a strike, which fact is pretty well known by all, and has been the means of showing to us the stamina of the men who make up old No. 3; and again it has taught us of the crude specimen of unionism displayed by that most despised of all union men, that is, a deserter, and I might well say union scab—that is, a union man by card only. He gets out a union card for the reason that he cannot get work unless he is a union man; he we always have with us. The remedy, if there is one, I would like to hear of it; and when trouble comes, for illustration, our last strike, this peculiar individual immediately starts to scab it, and says to his employer, "I'm not a union man by choice, but by necessity;" and then he thinks, in the simplicity of his own feeble mind, that his kind employer will ever be his heart-to-heart friend; that his job will ever be a perpetual evolution of good times; also that he stands high and dry on his employer's list of steady men. Then comes that most fatal of mal-

adies, a "swelled head." He struts about, his head high, with a look of disdain for nearly every one, and supreme confidence in his own important self. Then he becomes more and more of a soldier, and his good, kind employer, finally perceives that he is paying this man for nothing more than looking nice and pretty, and as he figures him as all his other employees, as so many dollars and cents, and not liking to see his good money go that way, his discharge is the next order of business. He then finds the outdoor exercise of looking for a job not so easy as he had all along supposed it would be, his one and only reference being that of his kind employer, who could not if he would, and would not if he could, give him a reference as a man to be depended upon. Then we find him trying to get into the union because, for some reason he can't understand, good union men always seem to be busy at work and hold their job as a rule; that is, as long as any work remains to be done, and he isn't working a little bit. And then he ponders, "How about that examination required by the union to see if or not he may or may not be a capable man to hold such a thing as a union card?" Can he pass it? He is really afraid to undertake the ordeal, and often we find such men cannot pass and are obliged to accept something as good as a second-class helper's card. Now he has found his element and realizes that the boys he told in his old shop that he was such a "cracker-jack," know he must now succumb to the inevitable. He finds his knowledge of electrical work of such small dimensions as will scarcely let him get away from this examining board with a good apprentice's card. And this case is in itself but one of many parallel ones. A rigid examination is the one good thing we have in our local, and it would be for the interest of all locals to enforce upon all applicants for admission to their respective bodies. Then, when an employer, or in fact any private individual, wanting a good man in the trade, or a number of men, when he can show a paid-up card he knows he is getting a man who knows his business and can, in every case, be entrusted with the safe construction of any electrical contract; and the time is rapidly coming when the builder, architect, and the large business houses, aid in fact to the writer's mind already a large number of large houses are doing away with the middle man (the contractor), and are placing their work with good union men of No. 3. And what is the Contractors' Association but a body of middle men, and who but the old-time men of old No. 3 made the Electrical Contractors' Association of our city what it is?

The sensible builders, architects and others interested are getting pretty well acquainted with the workings of the Electrical Contractors' Association, and how

they might possibly bid on larger jobs, so that this contractor or that contractor can have any particular job he might wish for. It's very easy, if you can see as I do. Our union asks only a living wage, for we constitute the only trade known to the writer whose skill and almost unlimited knowledge must in all cases go with his make-up as a good electrician. A bricklayer today gets more per day of eight hours than a good wireman, who has to be a bricklayer and everything else to be able to do his work properly. Do you see it rightly, as you should, union men and brothers?

I wonder how many men belonging to Mr. Henry Hicks' famous organization, No. 12, could pass our examination; and what will become of a man who professes to belong to a body of such calibre as the Knights of Labor, when that body holds its convention and knows they have a master workman who puts any old kind of a man in possession of a union card when we were striking for what was our bread and butter, and had them take our places—anybody, everybody, young men, old men, three nondescripts, are still usurping our field, and we a bona fide, recognized trade organization. Will that organization stand such a blot on their books as Harry Hicks, when this is shown in its true light? The writer, for one, would like much to know its action in such a matter, and these men are still grappling with the mystery of electrical phenomena, hoping day by day to learn what will make them a factor of equal calibre to old No. 3. These are the men the Electrical Contractors' Association put in our places; went down into their pockets and gave \$3.50 per day for that which they were in no sense the master of—a good, straight, honest day's work. How I would like to be in possession of enough framed copies of Potter Palmer's declaration that says he finds, after spending some millions of dollars, that there is no labor so good, so tried and so skilled as that of union labor, and send it as a token of remembrance to each and every member of the Electrical Contractors' Association. And that is only one of the many ways they fool the good money out of their pockets; by such experiments, for instance, as this No. 12 men experiment. And they are supposed to be smart, are they? And it's going to cost them more yet or I'm a poor judge, and I'm just egotistical enough to think I'm wise.

Our organization is made up of those who are, with few or no exceptions, bright, intelligent men, and I as an individual am a good deal surprised to find, even though we are among the top of the heap of men of different labor organizations, we are not further advanced than we find ourselves to-day. My meaning is, that we still find ourselves paying high rent for our meeting hall, executive meeting room, day room, etc., etc., and I for one think, perhaps un-

wisely, that we have been in existence long enough to have a home of our own, with a couple of extra halls to rent to other organizations, and if some of our good, solid, long-headed members got together and got into activity on the subject, something might be done, because all the money now being paid out is almost, I might well say, thrown away. And as soon as a remedy can be found and applied the sooner we will be right where we should be at this writing. We haven't such a thing as a library. We should have it, and we should have a billiard and card room for members out of employment, and a general, permanent headquarters where our business agents could be seen at certain hours each day by both employer and employee, to further our mutual interests. I hope I may yet live to see this all, and more too, accomplished for our good.

The trouble in our local, and I guess in a good many more, is the lack of strict discipline, as that in itself keeps a good many members away from their meetings, and this is a point all good members will agree upon, not only to fine a member who willfully breaks the laws of his local, but to have the fine stand and not remit it, as is invariably the case.

Since our last strike No. 3 is pushing slowly, surely, into a higher, loftier position than it ever reached before. We hold the winning hand and are confident of success, and the days are short until No. 3, always loved and respected as an exemplary local, will come out of the ruck with colors high again, and will become solid and strong in the hearts and minds of all. Hard work by all is all that is required, and our success is positive.

Our business agents are but human, and the scope of their work is limited. Make yourselves all business agents, brothers, and always remember you're a part of the union, and do your part as a man and a union man. Stick to your colors, attend your meetings, take an interest in every word of each speaker, get up yourself, and let's hear your idea, and above all be true to your obligation to the Brotherhood.

Well, Mr. Editor and brothers, I shall close for this time, hoping to see this letter in its entirety. I close with our list of officers:

Pres.—Dave H. Armstrong.

Nice. Pres.—Chas. DuBourge.

Fin. Sec.—T. P. Ruane.

Rec. Sec.—G. W. Whitford.

Business Agent—Edward Kelly.

Almoner—Matt. Smith.

Statistician—N. J. Nederwald.

Inside Esquire—Chas. Swartz.

Treas.—James Morrison.

W. Inps.—John C. Deardon, James Duvall.

Exam. Board—Frank Goodwin, Fred Pike, Edward Spaulding.

Trustees—John Flanigan, H. Roberts, Frank Joyce.

Exec. Board—Wm. Bloomfield, Thomas E. Ryan, Jno. E. Neill, H. T. Butler (Chn.), James K. Whitehead, M. Jarvis, Henry Greiger. Fraternally yours,

F. ROBERTS,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I made the kick in not being in the November Worker the brothers gave me the job. Well, I have lots of time and will devote some of it to the troubles of others, and let you know what we are doing in the Sunny South. There is not a big demand for liners and with the usual visitors or floaters that come this way we can get along.

Last night's meeting was not as hot as usual. There were a few new faces, among them Bro. Jack Harrington, of No. 9, welcome back again, and also Bro. Jim Dorser. He came from Galveston, Tex. You can just bet he had a card.

Our meeting was a tame one owing to the fact that we all missed our worthy president, Bro. Mike Hoy, who was called to St. James to his father's death. He has the heartfelt sympathy of the brothers.

Now, as it is time to mail my letter, I will say "knock off," but look out for next month as we are having a regular Parkhurst investigation as to back-sliders. I will do better in my next.

Yours fraternally,

KID CLARKE,

Press Sec.

P. S.—Our smoker is being smoked out in the streets, it lasts longer.

KID.

Local Union No. 6.

San Francisco, Dec. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 6 is slowly on the increase as time rolls on. We have 189 members, and besides the apprentice list is nearly full. The linemen of 151 are nearly all on strike at present. One of the largest companies in San Francisco, namely, the Independent Electric Light and Power Co., has conceded their demands of \$3 and 8 hours per day. Our men of No. 6 went out in sympathy with them where they were concerned. I think the eight-hour day has come to stay. The Pacific Coast is nearly all out now.

The inside men of No. 6 are all busy now, your humble servant has to get linemen to help out his master, and I know of others that are doing the same thing at present.

Last Sunday, Dec. 2, the union men wired the new mill built by the trades unions of San Francisco, known as the Progressive Planing Mill. This mill was

built to defeat the 9-hour day for which the millmen have been out for a long time. It will cost, when complete, nearly \$10,000, is one of the largest in the state and will be run by the trades unions.

The board of directors have plenty of work for a long time. This would have been a good time to have seen the grand organizer in our midst.

Hello, Local No. 22, how are the boys back there? I guess you can feel some surprise when you read this and see where I have drifted. Let us hear all the news.

Last night, Monday, I visited No. 151. They are making progress, 17 were taken under their banner for 8 hours or no work. Let the good work go on.

I was a long time getting in out of the old way, but I am here to stay. I hope to see the day when our trade is completely rescued from the low level it has been for years past, and I sincerely hope the day will come when we can stand as one man and say, "Well done."

We wish to thank our grand officers for the prompt payment of the death claim of our esteemed brother, C. Norton. Bro. Gale was instructed to place same to the benefit of his little girl who was his only child. Bro. Norton's wife died some years ago.

The following is a partial list of the towns affected by the strike: San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland, Seattle, Bakersfield.

With success to all organized labor, I will close.

Yours fraternally,
J. E. FRANDT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It seems but a short time since my last letter, but will try and keep my obligation as this is my last letter. I will try to have Bro. D. B. Ahgreen take my place or some other brother who will take some interest in it. I will give you a long letter this time, telling about everything this way.

We have about 125 members in our local, but the attendance is small, and one of the reasons for this was that our hall was too small. Our meetings in the future will be held in the Steam Power building on Lyman street, near depot. The size of the hall is 36 by 42, so all brothers will please come. The engineers and the steamfitters meet in the same hall.

All the boys are working, business being very good. The inside men are all working fixing up for the holidays and the outside men are hauling cable underground. The Tel. and Tel. Co. are putting lots of their work underground and the United Electric Lighting Co. are planning to put a large number of their wires underground. The city has compelled them to do so with

some, but the company has taken the matter into its own hands and will bury far more than the city demands. All the commercial wires in the business part of the city will be put underground. The wires which carry power are also to be buried, although the law does not require it. The arc light wires for lighting the streets will not be touched, but only the wires feeding the lights in stores. The work will begin soon, and the company is only waiting now for the wire to arrive.

Last week Bros. Pierce and T. Manely called on us and we were glad to see them. They were working down at Waterbury, but are working here now. Brothers of No. 47, our president would like to hear from some of the brothers through the Worker. He would like to know what has become of Bros. Jim Dugan and Grant Barnes, past pres.

The election of officers is near at hand and there is going to be lots of fun. Years ago we could not get enough members together to fill chairs, but this time there are six brothers who want to be president. May the best man win. We have got a good local here, and I hope before long there will be two locals, which there should be.

Our big dance has come and gone, and in connection the local got out an official souvenir which gave the history of the local, portraits of the officers, a list of members and reading matter. The grand sec. and Grand V.-P. Sheehan assisted us in this glorious work. The local is going to send one to every local in the country. It is a daisy. All of this good work must be credited to the present officers.

About our New England conference, which will be held in New Haven, Jan. 13, 1901. All the locals should be represented this time. It is very important. D. B. Ahgreen would like to have all the locals which are to send delegates write to him and let him know, so he can arrange with New Haven local to meet them. He wants Nos. 7, 94, 37, 90, 101, 103, 104, 99, 96, 11 and 46 to be sure to be there.

Well, No. 11, I did not say much about the conference that was held at our city in my last letter, as I thought D. B. A. would write of that. I am very sorry.

We received about fifty copies of the Worker and a great many of the brothers wanted one, but they were all gone in one or two meetings. I think I will leave four or five copies at City Hotel (liners' home), a few at the New England Tel. stock room, a few at the United Electric Light stock room and one copy at the local contractors' shops, so all the brothers will have a chance to see one if they care to.

Now about our dance. It was a great success in every way. The decorations were gorgeous and have seldom been equaled by anything of the kind ever seen in this city. The predominating colors

were pink, green and white. Streamers of these colors were draped from the center of the ceiling, where a large cluster of incandescent lights was arranged. The walls at the sides of the hall were festooned with green and the rear wall was prettily draped in pink. The stage on which the orchestra sat was the most attractively decorated part of the hall. The trimmings were of the same colors as those in the other parts of the hall and were handsomely illuminated. Over the front of the hall were the initials of the union in red, white and blue incandescent globes and directly underneath was a large star of lights. Various colored lights were suspended from the uprights at the sides of the stage. The effect of the decorations and lights was fairylike. The electrical display was given under the direction of J. J. Maloney. The electric current was supplied free of charge by the Electric Light Co., through courtesy to T. H. Bowen.

The success of the dance was largely due to the efforts of the committee of arrangements, which consisted of J. P. Macgilvary, T. H. Bowen and C. F. Sampson. The floor director was C. F. Sampson and J. J. Maloney acted as assistant. The aids were. James Wicker, Richard Farrell, Frank McPhee, M. Goodwin, George R. Nordany, Warren Letanc, D. B. Ahgreen, F. Cignolia, William Kavanaugh and M. Farrell. The opening march was led by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sampson. About 500 people attended the dance. Gardner's orchestra furnished music and W. G. Ryan prompted.

T. H. B.

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 11.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local Union No. 11 is progressing nicely. We have received nine applications since Grand President Wheeler paid us a visit, and expect more in the near future. We are doing our best to make this a union town. We have all the linemen except one, and we will land him soon. The linemen realize the need of an organization. The inside men here ought to get a hustle on them and bring in the men that are on the outside. If the linemen need an organization the inside wire men are certainly in need of one and a strong one at that. At present they work all kinds of hours for all kinds of pay. Come now, brothers, get a move on and let us have some more applications, the more the merrier.

Last meeting we nominated officers for the next term, nominations will be in order until the last meeting night of this month. It behooves all members to see that the best material in the local is selected, and no brother ought to accept an office unless he expects to serve the local faithfully.

My remarks in the Worker last month, in reference to members attending the meetings, have had the desired effect on some, but there are others that would be welcome. Come to the meetings, brothers, and see what is going on. Our financial secretary complains about some members being continually in arrears to the local. Come, brothers, it is just as easy to pay your bills when they are due, and it makes it easier for you and the financial secretary.

The communication from the members of Local Union No. 9, has not reached No 11 up to the present time, so I cannot say what our members think of it. I read it in the Worker last month, and while I think the organization ought to have a disability and an insurance feature for the benefit of the members, I think the amount suggested by the brothers of No. 9 too high. Take the treasurer's report for October and we find eight deaths, which would mean \$16,000 for one month. The assessments would result in driving a great many out of the order if they became oppressive. Better cut the amount in half, say one quarter for a starter, and if it is found to work satisfactorily after a fair trial, the amount can be increased. I hope to see the matter thoroughly discussed in the Worker.

Fraternally yours,
J. BURNS.

Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

L. U. No. 14 has never seen a more prosperous month than November. Things are being done on strictly business principles, and we will soon have all the stains that H. T. Sullivan left blotted out. We held an open meeting Nov. 17th, which was a grand success in every detail. Wm. Sullivan and James Green, members of Waiters Union No. 7, voluntarily served the lunch and famous thirst quencher, which was donated by Mr. Jas. Hamilton, proprietor of the Hamilton House, "The Lineman's Home." Uncle Tom favored us by attending same, and gave a very lengthy talk which, together with several other able labor union speakers, aroused the slumbering, and has led to the initiation of some 25 into our local. Mr. Wheeler says, "Under the circumstances 14 has been laboring that we have done exceedingly good work."

J. Burgess has been appointed business agent indefinitely, all members have confidence in him, and expect a grand success in the near future.

No. 14 has adopted a scheme to take care of the traveling linemen, it is known as the hobo's relief fund, providing one day's board at the Hamilton House for any floater coming into Pittsburg with a paid-up ticket. Nothing but a paid-up

card goes, either. Should the party obtaining this board secure work, he is expected to pay 14 before he can be considered in good standing.

Nos. 5 and 14 are about to close negotiations for a grand ball which will take place in January.

Our sick brother, W. J. Foster, is improving slowly but surely and expects to be up and around soon.

From all accounts everyone in this district is working. The P. & A. Tel. Co. has imported 15 or 16 fixers from the Hoosier State—Indiana. We are proud to state that they all carry cards. Although here but a short time, they have already shown their union principles. Among them are A. Yarbough, known as "Red Horse," W. W. McDonald, Jim Boswell, H. Pike, A. Davis, E. C. McCarty, F. Greenwood and several others whom I have not been able to secure the names of.

Just one more word, Mr. Editor, before closing for the new year. As yet we have heard nothing of H. T. Sullivan. His card expired long ago. Therefore, he stands expelled on our books, and should be considered a dead one. The boys of Chicago are doing us an injustice by holding such a crook up. Hoping this will have the desired effect, shall ring off.

Fraternally,
D. D. MCKAY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time for another letter has roiled around again, and this being the last of my term as press secretary, I hope the brother who gets the office next will write a more interesting letter for our official journal.

We are going to give a dance the 15th of January, 1901, and we extend an invitation to all labor organizations. Local 133; we expect to see you up there with your friends, and in all we hope to have a success.

The nominations for officers is open, and the tardy brothers who have friends they would like to see in office had better wake up and attend meetings.

There is a letter at Mrs. Law's, 249 First street, for Bro. Morris Donahue. Any brother knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor to No. 17 by letting us know, as the letter is marked "Important."

Bros. O'Leary, Ragau and Smith are on the sick list.

Work is just about the same, and I think all the brothers are working; at least I hope so.

Well, I will close my letter wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Almighty dollar, thy shining face
Respeaks thy wondrous power;
My pocket make thy resting place;
I need thee every hour.

Yours,
EDWARD J. HINDSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 18.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our regular meeting Wednesday, Nov. 7, I was instructed on behalf of this local to thank Local 121, of Denver, Col., for their kindness to Bro. Elmer Hickey, who carries a card from No. 18. We wish to say that Bro. Hickey carries the best wishes of every member of this union, and when Bro. (?) Gregory made the charges against Bro. Hickey he was either under the influence of some powerful "dope," or has lost all self respect and brotherly feeling towards brother members. Bro. (?) Gregory lit here during carnival week and held up some of our brothers for a few "pinch's," stating that he was on the bum and wished to reach Joplin, Mo., where he was going to work. He stated to brothers here that he was in need of \$6, and after being accommodated with the desired number of "wheels," he forged orders for \$3 more, making a grand total of \$9. Bro. (?) Gregory, if you should happen to cast your "lamps" on this article, please be kind enough to square yourself with us and No. 121.

Everything is coming our way. New members every night. Boys, get out your come-alongs and get all the new members you can.

Bro. Reese is a candidate for city electrician and is receiving the support of all members. He is a thorough electrician, a good union man and the proper person for the place. Work for him, brothers.

Ex-Bro. (?) Davies and the B. R. Electric Co. are still on the scab list.

Bro. Hubbard has finished wiring the Nelson building. All members are working and doing well. The full dinner pail is much in evidence.

Yours fraternally,
BURT WHITE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 21.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has arrived for writing for the December issue, the last before the election of officers, and my last chance for the year, I will make myself good and live up to my obligation as a volunteer until the expiration of my term, hoping Local 21 will see fit to tie a can on my tail as big as a wash-boiler and give some other

brother the office as different writings in our journal are educational to all.

We all know that "In union is strength," and it has helped out Philadelphia greatly in different ways, both socially among the men and treatment received from corporations, which has been greatly modified since the arrival of the organization, especially the Bell Telephone Co. The men feel from the treatment they are now receiving that there will be some advancement in their wages in the near future. The light companies, with the exception of the Kensington Electric Light Co., do not extend this superior treatment to their men, as they have a good many scabs hovering around. It is hard to carry water on both shoulders, to treat the union men and scabs alike, but the scabs are becoming things of the past. They disappear gradually, in some cases getting killed off by the deadly current for want of skill. One was put out of commission last week and another came near taking the voyage.

We have a good many brothers with the light companies, who cannot do without them, as they are skilled men, but the friendly feeling does not exist, evidenced by a collar and elbow every once in a while or some kind of a run in.

Bids are being let for the city lighting, but there is no competition, as all are in the trust with the exception of the Kensington, which is the only light company that recognizes organized labor. It is a small company and finds it hard to buck a trust, but it is game. It looks like a case of the big ones eating the little ones, but the little one won't keep still and be caught up by a trust, it would rather disband and go out of business than be under obligations to the trust. The Kensington Co. bid for the lighting of the 19th and 31st wards at the rate of 20 cents per night and guarantees to put its whole system, both city and commercial wires, underground within two years. The bidding of the trust over the same territory ranges from 28 cents to 32 cents and keep their wires overhead. It appears from our papers that the ring in the marble pile is working in conjunction with the trust and won't stand for improvements to the city by wires going underground and lower rates for lighting, which the Kensington agrees to, but will pay the trust the price asked. The trust also bid for lighting the largest and finest park this country has, Fairmount park. The trust is composed of four companies, the Poweltou, Wissilieken, Brush and Manufacturers', but the last named company's wires do not reach the above park. Bids were all alike, as if one man wrote all four. Two of our select council, Brown and Richards, seeing there was a nigger in the fence, put up a kick, but as they only number two their hands were tied and they had to submit to the

majority and let the contracts to the trust.

Our president has resigned his office, but will continue to be a member. He has become a limb of the law. He also resigned his position at the Kensington Light Co., the only recognizers of Local 21, where he rendered services to the entire satisfaction of the foreman, Bro. Samuel Emery. Let good luck follow the Kensington Co. Our vice-president, D. Alcott, is filling the vacancy. Bro. H. McFadden is taking the vice's chair.

Bros. John Porich and Frank Hani are on the sick list and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Our smoker has passed and all had a hot time. It was a success barring a few mishaps. Our champion, Bro. Stephens, in a friendly setto with Bro. Harry Dean, caved Bro. Dean's front in. Sorry to hear it was so serious, but they departed with good feeling and shook hands, knowing they were working for a good cause, for the union and to entertain the linemen's friends. We hope Bro. Dean will pull through the mishap before cold weather sets in; he was one of our faithful members during our late fight for better wages and hours and well liked by his fellow-workmen.

This is the last month of the year and in it we initiated four new lights. All want to turn over a new leaf the first of the 20th century and make the I. B. E. W. the best international union in the country. We have the material to do it. I will close by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Yours fraternally,
PUSH,
Press Sec.

Dec. 4, 1800.

Ex-President Wm. McFadden has in his possession a receipt for \$100 made good by the friends of James Conway who ran away with strike funds. His friends made the amount good to free him from behind the bars, a lesson to the scoundrel. He is practically put out of the business as a lineman by Local 21 for his dirty work. Mr. McFadden will turn in the check at his first opportunity.

I also with wife paid visit as sick committee to Bro. John Porich last Sunday, Dec. 2, and unexpectedly found his wife in a very low condition and not expected to live over night. Our heartfelt sympathy is with Bro. Porick, as he has had a good bit of sickness for the past two years and will be left with four small children. He has been a hard worker for our local and went through the last strike. May good luck follow him in the future.

PUSH,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 22.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 8, 1900

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with pleasure that I write to let our brothers know that the conditions of unionism, from an electrical standpoint especially, were never so bright as they are at present, considering the fall of the year, when, as a rule, electrical trade is very slack.

Our protracted fight with the New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Company is running along smoothly. In order to show you what great benefit the action taken by our union against this corporation has been to union laborers in our craft, I will state that there are 29 journeymen and six apprentices working on jobs which the T. H. Electric Light Company have been compelled to leave or stay away from. Local Union No. 22 has a membership of 55 in good standing. There are no cliques operating in this union, nor do you hear any kicks or grievances, which formerly existed in our union. It must be awful to those brothers who are still in the employ of the Thomas-Houston company to be compelled to leave the different jobs and not be allowed to work with the different union trades in Omaha and vicinity. You cannot speak to a union man in any trade regarding T.-H. men but what he personally states that he would not think of working with such individuals. Therefore, our fight is becoming easy, and its success assured.

I will state some of the buildings upon which nothing but union labor is employed: The Burlington headquarters has two union electrical workers, the Kingman Implement Building has three, Lee Glass Andressen Hdw. Co. has five workers, Kountze Memorial Church has three, Hayden & Kelly's building has two, and the Deere building has four electrical workers.

The following shops are fair, have signed with Local Union No. 22, and employ nothing but union wiremen, and who live up to the rules laid down by the union strictly: The Western Electrical Co. employ six journeymen and one helper; Wolfe Lovett Construction Co., 12 journeymen and three helpers; Industrial Iron Works, seven journeymen and two helpers; Omaha Electrical Works, three journeymen, one helper; South Omaha Electric Co., two journeymen, one helper, and Winegard & Howe, of South Omaha, employ two journeymen and one helper.

There are at least 20 small jobs, such as cottages, and a small number of lights under way at the present time. All members are working, and the prospects are bright for continuous work through the

winter, such as was never known before in the city of Omaha.

The New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Co.'s men were compelled to leave the large Iler building after having started it. It was either a question of the few wiremen who were employed to wire this building continuing on the job, or 75 union men of different crafts leaving the job. Mr. Iler thought it advisable to stop the electrical work. At the present time Mr. Iler is putting in gas instead of electric lights. The action on the part of the New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Co. in being so narrow-minded as to let this job get away from them on the strength of the wiring, which was insignificant compared with the opportunity to supply this large building with current and power, is very small. It seems to me that the stockholders of the Thomson-Houston Electric Light Company would be able to foresee, that by allowing a small matter such as the inside wiring of a large building, to cut them out of supplying electric current and power for such buildings, would be a great detriment to them. I can cite a number of cases where, if the New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Co. had desisted from the wiring of said jobs, they would not only have gained by not being compelled to do this work at cut-throat prices, but would have been supplying these jobs with the current and power, where they now use gasoline or steam engines for power and gas for lighting. The gas company is reaping a rich harvest off the bullheadedness of one or two members of this corporation.

While the union has no objections to the T. H. Co. getting its current in all buildings and all jobs it possibly can, and keeping its outside lines in first-class shape, we are determined that they shall either give up the inside wiring of buildings, or sign an agreement with our union to be fair, and if things continue in the future as they have in the past, the stockholders of the Thomson-Houston Co. will have their eyes opened, and the management of the New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Co. will be brought to their senses. We can continue this fight indefinitely, as we have the support of 6,000 men in Douglas county, who will stand with us as a union.

Since we have been able to break this combine of discrimination to the extent that we have, our shops are prospering as they have never prospered before. We have taken in 16 new members in the last two weeks, which is a good showing when you consider these men were in demand, and voluntarily joined our union. The daily press is unanimous in congratulating the action taken by Local Union No. 22. You bear nothing but good words and praise on every side.

Bro. W. P. Leedham has been very ill the past two weeks with typhoid pneumo-

nia. I am glad to state that he is convalescent at the present time and will be able to attend to his duties ere long. We have been very fortunate in not having had much sickness of late.

Bro. S. Brundage was killed by falling from a tower wagon in Council Bluffs Sunday evening, Nov. 18. Bro. Brundage being a helper, he was not entitled to any benefits from the I. B. E. W. He left a widow and little boy about four years old. It was a very sad affair, as Bro. Brundage had just allowed his life insurance to lapse a few weeks previous. This should be a lesson to all brothers to try to keep their insurance up. The insurance proposition was taken up, and the union was unanimous in having insurance, as per circular sent out. Will write more on the subject later.

The new official organ of the Central Labor Union, Building and Trades Council and other labor bodies of Council Bluffs and South Omaha, the Worker's Gazette, has been launched, and is a success, especially from a financial standpoint. This paper will be issued on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, for the first time. Our union subscribed for the paper in a body, and I can safely say that the new journal, from the way it is starting out, should be a grand success.

I wish to thank Bro. Fred Munyon and the other linemen who so steadfastly and honorably stood with Bro. Munyon when he was so rudely and unnecessarily discharged from the New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Co. I will state the reason he was discharged, or quit simply because he was endeavoring to further the cause of Linemen's Local, which has been agitated here for some time. The foreman, who made things so unpleasant for Bro. Munyon, will appreciate the fact in the future, that when he works hardships upon a good union man the others will stay with him. When Bro. Munyon quit the T. H. Company, or practically was discharged, several other linemen quit with him, as they knew he, the foreman, had done wrong.

All the brothers send their regards to Charles Dutton, Foreman Waterman and all other brothers working at the Pan-American Exposition grounds at Buffalo.

We had a committee appointed at the last regular meeting to get paraphernalia for the initiation board. We also ordered a handsome badge from the Whitehead & Hoag Co. of Newark, N. J., for each member in good standing. This will be quite an acquisition to the local, as the badges are for parades, meetings and funeral services. At the next meeting there will be something like six or eight candidates for initiation, and I dare say Chairman Huhm will make things lively for these participants. Yours fraternally,

GEO. E. RUSSELL,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 24.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The following facts will talk for themselves. All our boys were working up to Nov. 23, but a few of them are idle now, though we think there will be plenty of work for them after January 1. No. 24 has paid close to \$100 sick benefit in the past two months and some members are still on the sick list.

Our membership fee has been raised from \$5 to \$10 for journeymen and for apprentices from \$2.50 to \$5. New lights are still being cut in. No. 24 meets on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss electrical subjects. November 21 was the first meeting and the boys had a good time talking and eating apples. The next one will be December 19, when a good time is anticipated as able speakers are expected.

Say, boys, how about the union label. I append a clipping from a local union paper which I hope you will all endorse and push along:

"A Baltimore clergyman in a recent sermon indorsed the union label in the following eloquent words:

"What can be more sacred, more holy or more deserving of the reverence of men or the angels than the union label, which signifies that human life has been more highly valued in the production of human commodities than the mere profits sought for by greed?

"The label is an emblem of justice, of fraternity, of humanity. When you find a label on a garment, or a box of cigars, or a loaf of bread, or a piece of printing, you can be sure that neither was made in a sweat-shop, that no little children's fingers were compelled to sew, or sort tobacco in the hours of night intended for childish sleep. When you see this label on any commodity, you can buy it with a clear conscience, knowing that in doing so you are not becoming partner to an institution that degrades humanity for private profit. You can sleep soundly, also, and not be worried by thoughts of typhus fever, smallpox or leprosy, which are so often scattered broadcast from Chinese opium joints, penitentiary convicts' cells and tenement sweat-shops, where the most degraded specimens of humanity put their life's blood into marketable goods, from which the poor unsuspecting public suffers all manner of foul and loathsome diseases.

"The union label is a religious emblem. It is a religious act to buy goods to which this label is attached—an act blessed on earth and honored in heaven, while it is a sin to buy a cigar, a piece of clothing, a pair of shoes, or a loaf of bread, without this label, for then you do not know but what you are building up the business of some heartless tyrant, who is extracting a fortune from the drudgery and degradation

of his fellows, at the risk of public health. 'God bless the label! And I hope that all of you, as you leave this house tonight, will carry indelibly impressed upon your minds the picture of the union label, surrounded by angels, and that you will always know that the favorite banner in heaven represents justice to labor, fresh air and sunshine, and healthy conditions to those who toil, and the truth that human life is of greater moment than gain of gold.'"

Fraternally yours,

U. G. B.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 28.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We will endeavor to let our brother workers know something of the progress made by the craft in the City of Baltimore since anything from this section has appeared in the Worker. The inside men have withdrawn from Local 27 and organized as inside electrical workers, and would, through the Worker, have it known that we are Local 28. We still cherish the same brotherly feeling toward each other, but deemed a dissolution would work to the best interests of both crafts. The inside men were the prime movers in the organization of the building trades council, which has grown to be the strongest body of organized labor in the city and is now known as the Baltimore Federation of Building Trades, and is composed exclusively of trades employed in building construction.

It will be seen that the electrical workers believe strongly in organized labor, and are zealous workers, endeavoring in every move to make organized labor supreme. In the history of the city, organized labor has never been as strong as it is today.

Every electrical worker, as well as every member of any other union connected with the Federation of Building Trades, must carry his card with him at all times or he cannot work on a union job, and he must be square on the books before such a card is issued to him.

At the present time there is not an idle wireman in the city, and the prospects are fairly good for work for the greater part of the winter months.

Since its organization, Local 28 has gotten pretty well under way. Some of the inside men have not drawn out of 27 yet, but by the first of January, 1901, we expect to have them all with us.

If it is the will of the powers that be, we hope to have some word from Local No. 28 each month. While the letters may not prove intensely interesting, we will endeavor to let it be known that the electrical workers in Baltimore are active and alive to the interests of the brotherhood.

List of officers is as follows:

Pres.—C. W. Davis.
Vice-Pres.—D. M. Young.
Rec. Sec.—John P. Jones.
Fin. Sec.—W. W. Davis.
Treas.—Chas. Litz.
Foreman—C. Wenrig.
1st Inspector—Tom. Erhart.
2nd Inspector—Thos. Fagan.

Fraternally,

A. S. MEACHAM,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 30.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has arrived when we must write a few lines to our most valuable paper, as it keeps us posted as to the condition of our class of work throughout the country. I think it is every press secretary's duty to write a few lines to the Worker and let the brothers know the condition of his local and how work is in his town, so if a brother is out of work in his own town he can pick up his Worker and find out the best place to go to strike a job.

I will endeavor to let you know the condition of things in Cincinnati. At our last meeting we had seven applications and four initiations. The attendance was the best that No. 30 ever had the pleasure of witnessing, and the goat was in fine trim. He is getting more accustomed to the work, as he has had so much of it to do lately (and you know there is an old saying that practice makes perfect). I think that the wire patchers of Cincinnati have arrived at a point where they see that in organization lies our only hope of obtaining what is our just dues. There is no reason why we should not get as much per day in Cincinnati as in other centers, as we have the double trolley system, and I have seen quite a number of men come here from other cities, but there are very few of them that want to go against the double trolley, and the few that have tried it do not stay long. I have been told that in other cities there are from two to four men on emergency wagons, while here there is one man on the most of them, and on the tower wagons there are only two men, so that you can see by this that street railway linemen in Cincinnati have no snap. Work here at present seems to be very fair, while the Street Railway is not doing much but the Cincinnati Edison Electric Light Co. seems to be very busy, and the Bell Telephone Co. are not turning away any good men.

The Mill Creek Valley Street Railway seem to be hiring all men that come their way. They are extending their line, but for some reason the boys don't seem to stick. Don't know what is the reason, as they pay the best wages that are paid in this section of the country.

Now, don't want the brothers throughout the country to get the idea that Cincinnati

is on the boom and come flocking this way. As the weather is very uncertain here in the winter, and there are not many companies that give more than is coming to you, but if any brother should be out of work and drop in among us we will do what can for him, but I would not advise him to go to any of the superintendents and show his card, because Cincinnati is not what could be called a union city. But we hope the time will come when we will see the card enforced in our city. Not that we want to cause any trouble, but that we can meet our employers and present them what we think is our just dues, and that they will meet us as employer should meet employee. I believe that men who have capital invested should make money on money invested, but I don't think that it is right for them to accumulate millions while their employees can not get the necessities of life.

Well, I suppose I had better bring this to a close. Yours for better times,

WM. PRICE.

Local Union No. 34.

Pecoria, Ill., Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, as this is the first letter that I have had in the Worker for the last three months, I hope you will excuse me, as I have been absent from the city, but I will guarantee you all that I will have one in every month hereafter as long as I am in the city. There are a few of the boys out of the city at present, but we are adding a few new lights to our circuit right along, to take the places of the absent ones. As yet the inside men have not organized, and won't come in with us, either. They would rather work for \$8.00 and \$10.00 a week than to unite and get better wages, and talking to them does not seem to do any good, as the most of them are natives of this county and they are afraid they will lose their office; and if they should lose out they would never get another at wire fixing, and their only salvation would be to go back on the farm, so you see such men as these are stumbling blocks.

The new Assembly hall which is being built here this fall calls for strictly union labor, so there are no union inside men here, but we can get them as many as they want, by writing for them.

Work is on the standstill here at present, the company keeping on a few men for the winter. Bro. Chas. Burgh took out his traveling card and is now in St. Jo., Mo. Good luck to you, Monk. The city fire and patrol system have been employing a man or two pretty steady for the last two months, but they are non-union men, and the assistant electrician has no use for a union man. I have known him to have a couple of union men when he was in a pinch, and he would lay them off and keep his pets. And for himself, he

has not enough brains to knock the cross out of an old wash-woman's clothes-line, but I think there will be a great change in the spring, as next spring is city election, and we have men in our L. U. that are as capable of holding the office as the city electrician at present, if not better; and if we can't get one of them in as captain we will try mighty hard to get him in second place, and I think that will hold these non-union boys for awhile.

As this is all of the old hot air I can think of at this writing, will close the switch for this time. Hoping to tell you more in the next, I remain as ever,

J. A. RUTHERFORD,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 35.

Massillon, O., Dec. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As our Press Secretary has left us, I will endeavor to write a few lines to let the brothers know how we are progressing in Massillon.

Mr. A. C. Morse, who was superintendent of construction, has left us and gone to Findlay, Ohio, to superintend the construction of a new telephone plant in that city. Bro. Frank Strangeman is with him as general foreman, also Bros. Sutherland, Hovis, Murray, Durham and Pearson are working in Findlay. By these brothers leaving here, it has cut our local down to a small number, but we still have enough members to hold our charter. Bro. Joe Dooley, of No. 39, is working here as foreman, so we have gained one good member as the loss of No. 39.

In regards to the work here will say that we have the city work completed, but have two gangs out on county work, so that we expect to finish here in a few weeks, then we will look elsewhere for a job.

Will state that Mr. W. G. Holloway has succeeded Mr. Morse as superintendent and manager of the Massillon plant. I am pleased to say that union men are preferred by both Mr. Morse and Mr. Holloway.

This company has secured a franchise in Canton, Ohio, but I have not heard when they will start work on that job. Local No. 35 held its first ball and electrical display on the night of Nov. 9th, and I must say that it was a grand success in every way. The mayor of the city was with us and pronounced the ball and display a complete success. The members of No. 35 wish to thank Bros. Dooley, Harry Smith and Kid Farrell for the assistance they gave us in fitting up the hall. Well, Mr. Editor, as I am a little late and trust you will receive this letter in time for the December Worker. Wishing all brothers success in the future,

I remain fraternally,
HUGH MURRIN,
Pres. No. 35.

Local Union No. 36.

Sacramento, Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has come for the press secretary to do his duty, and it is with pride we can say that No. 36 is no longer the missing link in the chain of unions along the Pacific Coast. I think by the end of the month any one desiring non-union help will have to import them. Our charter has been opened and the boys are taking advantage of it. Showed forty of them the most honorable road for a tradesman to travel last meeting night and have enough applications to wear the wrinkles off Willie's horns next meeting night. We have all but a few linemen and are now turning our attention to the inside men. It will soon be that if anyone wants non-union men they will have to import them, so I hope the whole coast is doing just as we are and that we will come together on an apprentice system. Just as long as we allow things to go on as they have in the past in this matter we will see them hold our nose to the grindstone. By the way, if any local has local by-laws they feel proud of we would like to have a copy of them.

Bro. Bailey, of 61, deserves great credit for the way he got around the boys here. So, brothers, now is the time to organize them. We have nothing to lose but our chains, and better pay, shorter hours and more respect from our employers by organization. I would not advise any brother to come out this way this winter unless it be on a pleasure trip. Of course, I know you can all afford that. The territorial work is pretty well rounded up for the winter and most of the large contracts are being completed and at the present time there is a surplus of idle men.

Yours fraternally,
J. J. SCOTT,
Press Sec.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Brothers, I believe that in my last letter I referred to No. 36 as your little sister union, and am at a loss to know what to call it now as it has grown out of all proportions, and is as has already been demonstrated, second to none in this state in regard to strength.

It was decided at our last meeting that the demands of \$3 per 8 hours be sent to the different companies, also time and one-half for overtime, etc. By the way, we have four large companies to contend with, namely, the Sacramento Electric, Gas and Railway Co., Capitol Telephone Co., Central Electric Co., and last, but not least, the Sunset Telephone Co. The three former gave us our demands, but the Sunset has treated No. 36 the same as all other unions, but it now has the wrong bull by the horns, as we will show them

before they are much older. Why, some of these corporations think it a state prison offense for their faithful workmen to ask for a just compensation for their work that they may live as human beings should live, and enjoy some happiness in this life. We have not asked for the luxuries that the capitalists think belong only to them by vested rights, but we do want to live like men, not like a poor man's horse that is given just enough to keep it on its feet and when it gets so it hasn't energy enough to pull the wagon, but just able to walk, the faithful animal, crippled and with many sores that the cruel harness has caused, is led to a barren field to die. Well, brothers, I will not dwell on the past, but will take up the future. Well paid men, shorter work days, mean happy homes and more time to enjoy the comforts of the same, more time to study or educate yourself so you will be of more value to your employer and to your community, more ambition to work. It stands to reason that a man who works for someone else from daylight to dark, day in and day out, must make him like a machine. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Well, brothers, that is just what we are trying to overcome. It will also give employment to more men, thereby giving all a chance to live comfortably with no county hospital in sight.

Our strike here is strictly a linemen's strike, and I am proud to say they are the real thing in every sense of the word. On December 1st, according to agreement, sixty odd linemen refused to work until their demands were granted. The above number means every lineman in this city, and not one has shown the white feather, and am sure they will not. As three companies have come to the front, it makes one the more ambitious to get the fourth. Of course things are coming our way in the form of scabs imported by the Sunset Co. I call them by that name because I have before me the definition of the same. Don't take my word, but judge for yourself: "At a conspiracy trial held in England, the prosecuting counsel gave the following definition of a scab: 'A scab is to his trade what a traitor is to his country, and though both may be useful in trouble-some times, they are detested by all when peace returns; so when help is needed a scab is the last to contribute assistance and the first to grasp a benefit he has never labored to procure. He cares only for himself. He sees not beyond the extent of a day, and for a momentary approbation he would betray friends, family and country; in short, he is a traitor on a small scale, who first sells the journeymen, and is himself sold in turn by his employer, until at last he is despised by both and detested by all. He is an enemy to himself, to the present age and to posterity.'"

Well, brothers, you will get a list of these

creatures when peace returns, and with your assistance No. 36 will make them hard to find. I can hear at this moment a number of our members beneath my window pleading to one of these articles. Patience is a virtue, but if I were a little larger would be tempted to try sweet oil. There are some men who deserve special mention on both sides. Will see that they get it in the next. Our local now has a membership of about eighty, quite different from waiting to get a quorum.

Well, brothers, as the hour is getting late and optical cutouts are working, will close.

Fraternally yours,
J. J. SCOTT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 37.

Hartford, Dec. 10, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The annual dance and entertainment of Local 37 will take place at the auditorium on next Thursday night, the 13th. Preceding the dance and for one hour there will be an entertainment and cinematograph exhibition. The sale of the tickets insures us a good crowd, and weather permitting we expect to realize a snug sum. We are unable to put on the electrical display, as in seasons past, owing to our designs and stock being burned up. We are not without some little display, however, as the committee has built up three pieces for advertising purposes. During the past week a large sign has been suspended over the entrance to the hall, announcing the day and date; two other signs in the form of stars have been suspended in conspicuous places, and are lighted nightly.

We are in receipt of tickets announcing the dance of Local No. 90, of New Haven, which unfortunately conflicts somewhat with our date of the 13th, theirs being the 12th. We would be pleased to pay our respects to go by attending their first dance, but on account of the closeness of dates they cannot expect us, nor can we expect them. We hope their dance will be a success in every way.

Not long since the Hartford Electric Light Co. notified the linemen and wiremen that nine hours would constitute the day's work until further notice, and the men would be paid for nine hours only. The men did not take kindly to the change and quit work. A special meeting was called and the matter was discussed at some length. It was finally agreed that the men would go back to work at the 10-hour day, pending the company's promise to let them know by the 15th of December if they will grant a 9-hour day at the same rate of wages as they now pay for the ten hours, and to take effect January 1st. By the company's refusal to notify the men on the 15th will necessitate some action, of which I am at present unable to predict.

Our treasurer, Bro. T. F. Herbert, was married on the 28th of November and was the recipient of many useful presents. The honeymoon passed, he is now at home at No. 12 Church street, where he will be pleased to meet his friends after January 1st, 1901.

The Telephone Company have been shortening up their gangs recently and some of our members were laid off. They are working again, however, on jobs out of town. Business is pretty good in this vicinity, and to-day issues in the first touch of winter—very cold.

Fraternally,
SHEEHAN.

Local Union No. 39.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the members of the Brotherhood, and on the 1st of January, 1901, let us all start in with renewed vigor and help the good work along.

Trade is fair at present; there are a few members idle. The general outlook for construction work is fair, but at this time of year things are always a little slack. From reports of traveling brothers the work in Ohio has been very good this fall. The bulk of construction was done by the Independent Telephone Companies. As they have started with the field held by the Bell and Central Union telephone companies, and as the weather is uncertain at this time of year the toll-line hikers always pull for the cities to winter. All the regular tourists have migrated to the Sunny South long ago, and will return north in the spring with the robins. Some of our globe-trotters are regular callers, and the members can figure when Bros. So-and-so are due. They always arrive about the regular time. They stop a day or so and continue on so as not to be late at any of their regular stations.

Our old friend Tucker arrived here from Cripple Creek a few days ago. Bro. Tucker was formerly business agent for Local No. 38. The same old smile and the little laugh could not be lost in all his travels around the country. Bro. Tucker has been in the West and Northwestern States for some time. He says Bros. Frank Hughes and Kid White, of Local No. 39, worked with him in Butte, Mont. He also worked for Bro. Kellogg in Cripple Creek, another Cleveland brother. Bro. Joe Dooley has gone to Massillon, O., to act as assistant foreman for Bro. Hugh Murrin. Good luck, Joe. While with us Bro. Dooley was a good and fearless worker, always doing all in his power to help the local. While we miss him, Local 35 in Massillon gains a good worker.

Bro. Cy Gechter met with a very painful accident on Nov. 15. He slipped on the street where his gang was working, and in

falling he broke the bones in his left hand and also sprained his arm. It will be some time before Cy can get around. Bro. Harry Dunbar was laid up for a while, but is around again. Bro. Mike Morrissey, who was laid up with typhoid fever, is able to be out.

Our old friend Bro. Peter P. Hovis paid us a visit. We were all glad to see him. He also has been traveling a great deal of late.

The reports from the Southwest state they are in trouble. Some of those people who are classed with the scum of the earth have taken the law in their own hands and shot some of the citizens of San Antonio. Perhaps they will receive their just dues, providing that justice is dealt out on the square. I hope the members of the various locals in Texas get their demands. If all the brothers will think about these few following sentences it might do them some good, and I know it will not hurt them to read it:

The union is what the laboring men make it. If they join it just for the increase in wages and less hours, and they stay at home and let some one else do the work, it will not stand. Get out and hustle, talk to your friends on the subject, get them interested, never let an opportunity to talk union pass, and talk to some purpose. There is a principle at stake; fairness to the employer and employee should be considered. Never adopt a scale that the employer cannot concede if he is so minded—live and let live should be our motto; but after such a scale is adopted stick to it—never say die. By standing by each other union success is assured.

Now, Mr. Editor, the article pertaining to increase of national benefit, and also providing for a disability of a brother to follow the trade, such as the loss of an arm or a leg, is a grand idea. It will require some study on the question. So chat. It may be brought before the next coming convention in good shape, and that all the members of the Brotherhood may be conversant, it should be discussed thoroughly in all the locals.

The great iron molders' strike here is still on. Dec. 1st they had been out five months and have not lost a single man. Nobody has deserted from the ranks. Why? Because they are heart and soul in the work, and the day previous to Thanksgiving Day every member of the striking iron molders was given a turkey and one quart of cranberries for their Thanksgiving dinner. Their national officers have confidence in winning, and so have the members. It is only a question of a short time, because these imported scabs are losing all the castings because they are not practical molders.

Perhaps some of the brothers throughout this country will recall this to their memory when they are purchasing goods,

to ask for the union-made article. Some always demand it and will not purchase the article unless the label is attached:

The union man who persists in purchasing non-union goods is a flagrant enemy to the cause he falsely claims to represent, and a standing affront to the consistent efforts of those with whom he is associated in the labor work. To be successful we must be consistent, and to be consistent the true union man will stand by those principles upon which true unionism is builded.

Perhaps if some of those members who are persistently referring to their Constitution and By-Laws would only study up a few good ideas and present them for consideration it might prove a benefit; but instead they all want to be classed as good members and also as strong members. But do they forget the long time it took to land some of them inside of our ranks.

This is a question that is often propounded to us, and one that is not easily answered. As a matter of fact every member of our unions should be union men, but they are not. Some men join the organization because the conditions under which they secure and continue in employment compels them to. These are greatly in the majority.

Some join because of their environments, which, by the way, oftentimes make the individual what he is, while others join the union as a matter of choice, because they feel that through organization society at large can be benefited, and the worker elevated to his proper sphere.

The latter element represents a small minority of those who go to make our organizations what they are, and may be considered the true union members of our unions.

There is, however, an element which, from the date of initiation, shows an inclination to observe the established rules, pay their dues regularly, attend the meetings of the locals with precision, endeavor to the best of their ability to further the objects and principles of the organization, and if they are unable to carry their share of the burdens of the union upon their own shoulders, they possess that adorable characteristic of expressing their approbation for the efforts exerted by others, and in this manner strive to encourage them.

These are few in number. Some were compelled to join; some joined because of their environments; some joined as a matter of choice; some have been reinstated, and some came in under fine, but they represent the "union men among the members of our union."

I note at different times a few lines of inquiry are published to find the whereabouts of a brother. Now, that question should be attended to by local officials. Bro. Pat Carney was here in Cleveland this summer, and when he was leaving he said

he was going to Chicago. Whenever a traveling-card is deposited a note of it should be made in the next Worker. This is in use in other organizations and why should we not adopt it?

By the next issue of our journal a new press secretary may be elected, and perhaps he can still do some better than I have done. I again wish all members of this brotherhood a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GEO. H. GLEASON,
Press Sec.

Cleveland, Dec. 7, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

There has been a Robinson published in the scab list of the Worker, who scabbed during our strike with the Cuyahoga Tel. Co. last summer, but it simply read Bobinson, giving no initials. His name was Ed. Robinson and he hailed from Cincinnati. There is a P. A. Robinson working for the Cuyahoga Tel. Co. at present, who was not in the city when we had our trouble with the company last summer, but who now is frequently pointed at as the scab Robinson, and it is very annoying to him, as you will admit. In justice to him I think this correction should be published in the Worker.

GEO. H. GLEASON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 41.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Brothers, I wish to make a correction in my last month's letter to the Worker, namely, proposing Mr. H. M. Scott's name for grand secretary. Mr. Scott strongly protested when he saw this. I regret to say we did not get his consent first, and therefore wrongly said "he was willing." I trust none will accuse Mr. Scott.

In Buffalo, work is progressing smoothly at present. As far as I know, all the men are working. There may be a call for more men from our list of out of town applications.

At the exposition most of our work on the outside of buildings (excepting tower) is finished. The machinery building was lighted up last Friday, and looks like a building of stars.

Our new postoffice is completed and is a model of conduit distribution and stability.

Our grand annual winter ball game will be played at night in Concert hall. The players are professionals and a good game can be expected. We want all the subs we can get, so we can win. The decorations will show forth the beautiful art.

Now, to answer those wishing to know why Local 41 examines and charges \$10 to all members from other locals. Firstly, because New York, Chicago and St. Louis charge more; secondly, to protect the interests of members of locals by keeping our city from being flooded with inside men.

It is true, the last clause of Art. XIV., Sec. 4, says: "In no case shall a brother who has been in good standing for one year or over be compelled to pay any difference in initiation, nor any sum for a working card." But the fore part says: "Shall be admitted to free entrance provided he passes the examination of that local union."

According to this article, it is wrong to charge any traveler in good standing for one year, and anyone not in good standing for one year it is wrong to charge more than the difference between the amount paid by him when initiated and the admission of the local he transfers to. However, do not most locals make their own by-laws and run their organization regardless of the constitution in some details? In general, we should be just and right in all things and at all times.

Here is one great question for a union, why can a man in the United States not be permitted to be a free man and citizen as long as he minds his own business and does not work for lower than the prevailing rate of wages? What right has a union to pinch and squeeze such a one either out of business or in a union (after being in business seven years), then take the chance of being thrown down by the examining board? Is this brotherly love? In general, it is well to be organized, but it is hard to say which is best.

Hoping this letter will be satisfactory,
Yours fraternally,

I. T. HEINZ,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 43.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

The contractors here seem to have plenty of work, especially Crogan, who has quite a number of large jobs out of town. All of the fellows are working and as there are quite a few large buildings under construction here which will have to be wired later on, things look encouraging for the winter.

Now that the boys have got their price and plenty of work with a few exceptions, they fail to show up at the meetings, seemingly to have lost all interest in them.

At our last meeting from out of twenty to twenty-four members four showed up. Is this doing justice to your president and other uniting officers who shoulder the care and tribulations of the union and you fail to come around at least one night each month to give them a helping hand?

Our treasurer, Anthony Richardson, at our last meeting night brought up that long-looked-for blackboard. You failed to greet him for his efforts by your absence. Now, boys, get together and compare notes. This means strength, which we will need in the near future.

Yours fraternally,
"BILL NYE,"
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 44.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our last meeting was well attended; a great many of the boys were working at the hall to complete the arrangements of the display for our dance, and as usual the whereabouts of a great many of them was unknown. The only time we know where they are is when something is done at a meeting which does not suit their fancy. Then they will argue and give their opinion in some saloon or on a curbstone. Poor fellows, they ought to awake from their trance and attend the meetings. We have cases in our local where members in good health kicked about a hall being too far from the ground floor, they could not climb the stairs. Yet, the same members, when sick, can attend the meetings and climb the stairs with crutches. This does not mean brothers working over time, or night men, but let me state right here, we have had meetings in the past where 11 members attended out of 127. I have kept from publishing it as long as I intend to; I think it is time something was done to bring you absent members to time. Now, boys, if the meeting night does not suit the majority of you, come and make arrangements for one that will.

Our dance was a success and everyone who attended was well pleased. About one-third of the members of Local 44 were present. This year we held the dance in partnership with Local 86, inside wiremen, and it is a good thing we did, for 86 did most of the work on the electric display and members of our local, after it was completed, walked into the hall and said it looked elegant, but the interest shown by Local 86 will not soon be forgotten by some of the members of Local 44. Bro. Thistle, of 44, made a set piece of 8-candle power incandescent lights of the words, "Electrical Workers' Ball," and hung it over the main street a little west of the four corners, making the best advertisement we ever had and having a great deal to do with the crowd.

We had a large fire in Rochester on Nov. 25th, when the Citizens' Light and Power Co.'s plant was totally destroyed, also several other buildings surrounding it. Some of our business houses were left in the dark for the time being, but the R. G. & E. Co. hooked onto their wires and they are now getting along fairly well under the circumstances. No one was injured and the building was fully insured.

I hear that the State of Texas is having a pretty warm strike. I hope the boys will come out all right and with a whole skin, but that is a state where they used to put holes through an Indian's skin and the scabs had better steer clear. My opinion of the cause of so many strikes in the ranks of the I. B. E. W. is that we publish

our treasurer's report in the Worker to the public, and while I do not want to interfere with or criticise the doings of the Executive Board, I think our financial affairs should be kept secret. Let every local have a monthly report of the Grand Treasurer, to be read off at the next regular meeting after being received and those who want to hear it attend the meeting and keep themselves posted. For instance, let a local having a grievance send a committee to the company and state it. They will get a reply in say five days; well, in that time they can find out, if they can get a Worker, how much money we have on hand, and if we are a little short financially perhaps give us a fight for it. It is just as good a business move to have a secret treasurer's report as it is to have a secret scab list. I hope to hear from other locals on this subject.

Local 44, linemen, wants to know why we have not published a scab list of our recent strike and this is the reason. When you bring the names of the scabs to the meeting we will have them endorsed by the local, and the recording secretary will forward them to the grand secretary with the local seal, then and not until then will they be published. The grand secretary has not the power to publish a scab's name without the seal of the local to protect himself.

Rochester is getting to be a pretty warm union town, the organizers from the C. T. & I. C. and Building Trades Council have procured charters for the following locals: Butchers', Retail Clerks', Team Drivers', Milkmen's and Barbers', and they have several more on their list to be organized in the near future.

The following are the committees who made a success of our dance:

Arrangements—J. D. McGuire, chairman, Andrew Murdock, Thomas Lawless, J. P. Haley, Matthew Warner, S. J. Fenner, G. H. Lathrop, A. M. Ferguson, H. Boehme, Frank Graham, Harry Pearce.

Reception—J. P. Haley, F. Forristal, P. W. Martin, D. Willis, J. P. Thistle, W. Carroll, Thos. Keenan, F. Kehoe, W. P. Cook, D. V. Richards, J. Guerinot, J. Maley, G. Helling.

Electric—F. W. Graham, chairman, F. Forristal, S. J. Fenner, H. Pearce, G. H. Lathrop, J. G. Gibson, C. Graning, A. Ferguson, A. Murdock, T. Lawless, J. Thistle; P. W. Martin, J. D. McGuire.

Floor—H. N. Smith, manager, M. Warner, A. Ferguson, J. G. Gibson, F. Forristal, C. Vickery, A. Esseber, W. McGivern, A. Richmond, H. Boehme, J. Toolan, J. Kavanagh.

Report of our display will appear in another column.

Fraternally,
W. J. CLARKE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 45.**Editor Electrical Worker:**

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1900.

The time having again arrived for a letter to the Worker, I will try and give you what little news there is around here. Local 45 has declared off the strike against the Bell Telephone Co. of this city. The boys all seem to be working, although there is no extra work being done by any of the companies. The Pan-American Expo. Co. are employing quite a few of our members, and with whom Local 45 has an agreement, part of which calls for a paid up card or no work. There is nothing more that I know of, so will cut it short.

Yours truly,
FRANK M. DEVLIN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 49.

Chicago, Dec. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The trimmers are beginning to realize that in union there is strength, for we had a large gathering of them at our stag party Wednesday, Nov. 28, and a right royal time they had. We had an excellent programme and every visitor gave the boys great credit for the way it was carried out. For the benefit of the stay-at-home crowd, the programme consisted of:

Speech on unionism, Bro. P. E. Culinan, of No. 9; coon song, G. W. LeRoy; banjo selection, C. Hennig; four-round go, Buck McIrney and Young Gerty, local boxers; song, "Curbstone Band," by request, Mr. Larson; coon song, Wm. Hogan, of 49; guitar selection, P. Wendt; song, Jas. Tierney, of 49; four-round go, Buns Gleunon and Thos. Charlton, local boxers; mandolin selection, John Stock; recitation, Leo Thesser; recitation, McCluskey; song and dance, Maney Marq; recitation, Harry Moore; coon songs, Jas. Smith, of the Commonwealth; six-round go to a finish, A. McGregor, the kangaroo, and Rich Berg, the Norwegian slasher, both of 49; A. Mart, referee. The members and visitors agree in complimenting the committee for getting such excellent talent. It shows what a live committee can do.

Now, brothers, we have changed our meeting nights and hall. Hereafter we will meet at Jung's large hall, 106 E. Randolph street, the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. We will hold an election of officers on Dec. 26. Come and vote for your choice, for there is a lot to pick from. Now you have notice of what is to take place, do your duty and the union will do its. Good officers will make good unions. Remember, brothers, that you are union men and uphold union principles. The boycott is still on the Daily News and Record. Also don't forget to patronize union clerks, for they will assist you.

No. 49 co-operates with No. 134 in ex-

tending an invitation to our Grand President to visit Chicago and hold a grand open mass meeting for electrical workers. It would benefit our locals wonderfully.

Bro. Wilson, I lost the name; will have it in the next.

Brothers, don't forget the school of instruction on arc lamps; its what you want.

W. Dempsey, your face is strange at meetings. Our cause is for all. You are wanted.

Jas. Hurley, you are still a member in good standing.

R. Mastin, it will do you no harm to call.

McCluskey, you can have the same kind of a time any time you call.

Jas. Rierdon, they commence to believe it.

Hoping that my successor will have his article in our next, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

FRANK J. STRUBLE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 56.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have just recovered from a very severe attack of brilliancy I take pleasure in speaking a word through your columns, as it is impossible for me to speak to you. No. 56 is still pouching along, and although her members get a little groggy they still come to the front and we have the pleasure of seeing a new brother ride the goat and do the coochy kero dance once in a while and sometimes twice. Some prefer to do the dance on their knees or on their hands, but they dance just the same.

The work here is still holding out and I sometimes think we will live all winter, and if we should we will want a place to board next summer and we ought to skip a few Tom and Jerrys and pay our mush bill. Don't you think so, A. B.? Now there were a few darn nice fellers what come to Erie and the brothers here did what they could to get them work and a place to get their stomach dressing. And, gee whiz, if I must say it, there were some that jumped their board bills, and in one case one of these 'ere "home guards" that's got a wife and a batch of children had to put up the real sound money. Now, there is Aunt Rose, you know her, she may have seen better days, but you didn't ought to turn her down and give yer coin to Joe & Tim and Casey & Baldy. What was the matter of the board at Sullivan's? I always thought you got your money's worth. I don't want to call any names, but you know 'taint just the square thing.

Now, there's Peter Jacobs, he has his troubles, but he generally turns it over on to pa or blames me for it. And Browny, you know him, Bro. Ed. He was lifting on one of these 25-foot white cedar poles

that had got dry and heavy and they do say he hurt his back. But it didn't go.

Thos. Murry has a bull dog and 43 eggless chickens. Oscar Fuller has a large bunch of chin brush. James Reed has an air. Bob Gray has a club. Eddie Odea has a girl. James Kelly has a full hand. Oh, yes, Frank O'Connell, where are you going to be the twenty-wonst? I want to write you.

Well, Bro. Ed., I don't allow as to how this will take up over 5 or 13 columns, but I guess I have insulted the Worker and everybody in No. 56 and thereabouts, and as this is my last letter this year, I will stop, close, cease and quit as they are decided to elect a new P. S. next meeting night. But I am your friend if I don't get an office.

RUEBIN SPEED,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 57.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 3, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 57 is picking up, adding new members at each meeting. We now have 55 members with 3 to be initiated at our next meeting. Slowly but surely the boys are finding out it is better to be one of us than not to be.

The trouble with the R. M. Bell Tel. Co. of this city has adjusted the trouble with 65 of Butte, and everything will be running as usual soon.

Some time ago a gentleman by the name of Townsend, claiming to be an ex-president and member of No. 89, of Akron, O., dropped in and being troubled with the shorts asked for aid. No. 57 responded by buying him a meal ticket. A short time after he was noticed by some of the boys bringing in a friend to dine with him. As we hadn't made any contract with the proprietor to feed more than one on the ticket we kindly asked him to take it up, which he did. Would suggest to 89 if Townsend is a member of your local and you have any more like him don't send them west; we can't use them.

Fraternally yours,
T. R. JOHNSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 5, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Being aware that the eyes of the Brotherhood are now turned toward Texas, and resting on our city as one of the centers of disturbance, I will endeavor to give you the news to the best of my ability. As you are aware, brothers, all the electrical workers in the city went on strike for the scale of wages and hours adopted at the Waco state convention held last October. As to progress made, I am pleased to say that every company and contractor signed the scale with the exception of one, and

that one the great seventy-two million dollar telephone trust, better known in this section as the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph Co. At the beginning of the strike, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Man. Pettingill, of Massachusetts, came down here and tried a big bluff by publishing in the papers that he would spend a hundred thousand dollars and call on the city, county, state, and even the United States, if necessary, to win the strike, and that he would never grant our demands because of the effect it would have on others. Well, brothers, Petty's big bluff didn't work, in fact, it proved a boomerang. A committee of the Business Men's Club took the matter up, investigated, and decided our demands reasonable and concluded to do without their phones until the strike is settled or the new company gets into operation, which will be pretty soon now. Although the Southwestern has fifteen or twenty scab girl operators here they have but little to do for want of subscribers to use their phones. The scab girls are kept cooped up in the local manager's house, which is in the same yard with the exchange, and while doing guard duty in front of the exchange the other night, I heard one of them singing "Trouble on the Old Man's Mind." She must have been thinking of Pettingill, he's the only one here I know of that has troubles. The strike has now lasted over a month and the end is not yet in sight, but one dead sure thing is that No. 60 is in the fight to win and is going to win in spite of Pettingill and all his money and bluff. We are certainly helping him to spend his money and he will soon have to start on his second hundred thousand, but we are going to win just for the effect it will have on others.

Three weeks ago they began importing men here to take the strikers' places, but we succeeded in getting them all to quit, until one particularly diseased reptile, by name, C. R. Smith, came here from Arkansas and went to work. We tried all peaceful means to get him to quit, even appealing to him through the I. O. O. F., of which he was a member, but without avail. On Thanksgiving day he got into an altercation with one of the members and pulled a gun and shot into the crowd who were trying to separate them, instantly killing the policeman who was guarding him, seriously wounding Bro. Blanton and slightly wounding our president, Martin Wright. Bro. Blanton is being cared for as tenderly as possible and I am glad to say is now doing well. The scab is now lying in jail awaiting trial and I venture to say he won't scab again. So much for one scab, but there are others, as yesterday the company got its professional scab gang here and put them to work under police protection. Our local is seriously thinking of asking the mayor to call on the sheriff

to protect the police. We are not in the least bit worried over the presence of these scabs here as we know it is only for effect and is a bluff, but bluffs don't go here and the Southwestern is a gone gosling in this strike and Pettingill will be a sadder but wiser man when it is over.

No. 60 was honored by a visit from our Hon. Bro. Jerome Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., who came here at the request of Pres. Gompers, of the A. F. of L., to look over the field of labor in this vicinity. Bro. Jones made many friends here during his short stay with us and words cannot express our thanks for the valuable assistance he rendered us while here. We hope to meet him again.

Grand Treas. Wissinger dropped in on us also during the strike. He is down here on purely private business.

Well, as this is my last letter to the Worker as journalist for this local, I must apologize for the length of it, and hope that the next letter will bear the good news that victory has perched on our banner.

Fraternally,
DUCK,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 6x.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our strike is progressing smoothly and very favorably. As you will find by looking over the Worker, there is a general movement all over the Pacific Coast and the State of Texas for the betterment of the condition of electrical workers. No. 61 wishes success to every one of the brothers and is working hard to that end herself. The employees of the Pacific States Tel. & Tel. Co. have entered into an agreement not to come to any settlement until the company accedes to the demands all over the coast. At present we have them tied up completely.

Our worthy president, Chas. Baily, resigned his office in this local and, taking a traveling card, went to San Francisco, where he was made a deputy organizer by First Vice-Pres. R. P. Gale, and at once proceeded to organize Local 151. Bro. Baily has represented us in San Francisco and Sacramento ever since our strike was started. Although being called a "bad agitator" and worse names by the companies and other enemies of the electrical workers, he has persisted in the good work and at last accomplished his noble purpose. We cannot give too much credit and honor to Bro. Baily for his excellent work in behalf of organized labor. Bro. Baily, having completed the organization of a permanent local in San Francisco and awakened the brothers in Sacramento to a sense of their duty, will leave the field of his labors and return to his home sometime this week.

A great many of our brothers are working in other branches of the trade at present, but always leaving enough brothers idle to put up a good fight and make things interesting for the companies. All of our members who are working, including the inside men, are donating 10 per cent. of their salaries to the support of the strike.

At present there is an injunction hanging over our heads awaiting a chance to be served so as to prohibit us from following scabs around and making it warm for them.

We had a severe storm here, as you doubtless heard, which did considerable damage to overhead and underground wires in general. The effects were so severe that the companies have not, as yet, recovered.

We are still in the fight to win, and will win or die in the attempt. We have been offered \$2.75 per day of nine hours, but refused and not a brother has returned to work.

R. V. Pierce, national organizer for the American Federation of Labor, has been in our city for some time and is still here lending us his valuable assistance and experience in handling strikes.

Bert Berber, of 73, who has been working in Fresno for some time, passed through last month on his way south. He stopped long enough to shake hands all around with the boys.

F. E. Peters, an old-time member of 61, but now of Co. E, Signal Corps, just over from the Philippine Islands, called on old acquaintances for a few days before returning to the P. I.

Bro. W. Smith leaves tonight for Jerome, Ariz. He will have charge of telegraph and telephone lines between Jerome Jct. and Jerome owned by Senator Clark, the copper king.

Regards to Bros. Olmstead, Klein and Nielan, of Denver.

Yours fraternally,
ROSS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 65.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The situation in Butte remains the same. The strike against the Rocky Mountain Bell Tel. Co. is still in effect and there are no union men in their employ. They are employing two switchboard men, two ground men and five linemen, all of whom are scabs and part of a toll line gang brought here from Salt Lake to take the place of the strikers. Needless to say, they are making little progress further than keeping the exchange in operation. There are negotiations under way looking toward a settlement. Whether they will prove successful, I am not prepared to say.

There is no other trouble of any kind and all the boys are busy. Inside work is

holding out well this fall and promises well for the winter. Line work is also holding out well.

Bros. Thos. Dwyer, S. E. Sunat, Walter Hurst and C. C. Van Inwegen are all employed in Anaconda.

Bro. B. B. Douglass returned recently from Phillipsburg where he has been employed for a few months.

Bro. E. E. Briggs is with us again, having returned from an extended prospecting trip which does not seem to have impaired his genial good nature.

The many friends of Bro. John Poland will no doubt be very glad to hear of his complete recovery from the long spell of rheumatism with which he was afflicted for four months. He is now employed with the Butte General Electric Co.

Bro. John Lentz left recently for California, and although we are sorry to lose him our best wishes go with him.

We take pleasure in recording an addition to our grand circuit in the person of Anthony Schraff, who made a trip over from Helena to ride the goat and receive the mysteries of our ragtime degree. He is employed, I believe, with the Helena Light and Power Co.

We find among electrical workers quite a number who, like some of the webfooted tribes of the feathered kingdom, go north in summer and south in winter. Commonly called by many of our employers "floaters," by others who have cause to know and respect the qualities and principles of organized labor, "agitators." However, we find among the "floaters" men of sterling qualities and the true principles of American manhood. The great majority of floaters are union men, union to the core and carry cards. Generous to a fault, quick to resent a wrong, ever ready to demand his rights when he thinks he is being imposed upon, at the same time respecting the rights of others, the floater often finds himself in a strange town without means. Possibly his last cent is gone and glowing offers are held out to him by some employer who is unfair to organized labor and is making every effort to keep the work under his direction in progress, but to his credit be it said he very rarely proves untrue.

To the floater is attributed a great many difficulties that arise between employer and employee, for the reason that when conditions exist that are unfair to the employee the floater is the first one to enter protest, which often results in any resistance being nipped in the bud by his summary discharge. He does not hesitate when he feels he is being imposed on to say so and tell his fellow workmen so. And when, as it sometimes occurs, demands are made of the employer to adjust matters to a fair basis which are refused, after all other means have been exhausted it becomes necessary to resort to the only

weapon available to the laboring man, that of the strike.

Possibly the strike is successful and the company agrees to put all union men back to work and grant the concessions asked for, which is done. But in a short time some pretext is found on which to discharge the "floater," the "agitator." The old hands, often called home guards by the floaters, remain and receive the benefit of improved conditions, while the brothers mostly responsible are roaming through the country looking for work. On the other hand, suppose the strike is lost and the men all have to find other employment. It is far better to go down in defeat fighting manfully for a good cause and for a principle than to humbly submit to the continued injustice which is so often heaped upon the laboring man. And be a strike ever so poorly conducted, meeting with utter defeat, there is always a great deal of good comes of it, and the effort has not been in vain.

Would there were more of the spirit and moral courage of the floater shown by the brothers in general. There would be fewer strikes, and those that were inaugurated would not be handled in the half-hearted manner in which some of them are conducted, giving the employer encouragement necessary in making a long and bitter fight.

Carefully consider every possible means of reaching an amicable settlement, thoroughly exhaust all other means before resorting to the strike, but once it becomes necessary, feeling you have right on your side, make a gallant and creditable fight; fight with all the power within you and there will be fewer strikes and of less duration.

Yours fraternally,
CHAS. H. CAUSIG,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 66.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since my last letter to the Worker things have changed in this locality, in fact all over the State of Texas. On the morning of November 6th, at 7:45 o'clock, we found ourselves in the midst of a strike and we have been striking ever since. And what is more, we are going to keep striking until our demands are conceded to, not only in Houston, but all over the state.

This has been one of the quietest strikes ever witnessed in this city. Anything out of the ordinary seldom happens. We look for a long, bitter fight here as in other parts of the state. That our demands are just there can be no doubt. This union demanded a strictly union job at the Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co., eight hours to constitute a day's work. Three dollars per day for city linemen, three dollars and

fifty cents for foremen and three dollars and twenty-five cents for assistant foremen. In addition to the above we demanded a settlement with the other unions now out. These were our demands and are still our demands and will be our demands many moons hence. At the time the strike was called we were getting three dollars per day for eight hours' work and all linemen now working in the city excepting the street car linemen, who also have a strike on. The electric light company, the Citizens Telephone Company and the city fire alarm are all paying three dollars per day and working eight hours.

Bro. Tripp, our Third Vice-President, is concerned in the street car strike. He was foreman for that company. The Southwestern Telephone Company's employees have been out almost one month and a settlement seems no nearer now than the first day the strike was called.

The boys in Dallas were under the impression that they could settle at any time it suited them, so when the company offered them \$2.50 for nine hours' work they accepted and went back to work. However, they were promptly called out again and instructed to remain out until a settlement was had over the entire state.

One day last week a man was caught cutting the wires of the Southwestern Tel. Co. and promptly arrested by the constable of Harrisburg, a small village near Houston. The man claimed that the Southwestern hired him to cut the wires, and we have no doubt but this was true. It would not be the first time such things were done. The man's name was J. A. Taylor. He was a non-union man and a stranger in this city.

We had the misfortune to have one man in our ranks who refused to come out when the strike was called; his name is Lew Starling. He was working as assistant foreman on territory construction, and Local 66 sent committees after him two or three times but he refused to come out. If any brothers should meet him in the future you will treat him as he treated us. There is also a suspended member of 66 working by the name of J. E. Frisk. He is a scab of the first water and has a glass eye. He was working as trouble clerk and is another who will be on the "hummer" when the famous Texas strike has come to an end. The company has succeeded in importing a few farmers into the city armed with a complete outfit. They have been traveling around the state for the purpose of pretending they are going to do some line work. There may be one or two who could climb a pole, but I do not think there are more than that who could climb a pole with steps on it, much less use the climbers they carry with them. They all have new hand-axes and after carrying them all over the state you can see that they have never been used for

anything. These hayseeds are guarded by other farmers with rifles; they remind one of a lot of convicts with shot guns over them. I am quite sure they are nothing more than farmers or bums, for after tracing the Southwestern wires into the city they came to a street where the old and new companies' wires parted and they could not tell which was the ones they were working on. After standing in the center of the street for some moments rubbering at the two different lines they went off down the street tracing the new company's wires instead of the old one's.

Well, we are all in good spirits and are as sure of winning the strike now as we were the first day we went out, if not more so.

Bro. Wissinger, our grand treasurer, has been with us for some time and has given us much valuable advice. All the boys were glad to see Bro. Wissinger. He is a union man, every inch of him, and we will be sorry to see him leave us. The sister members are all of good spirit and with their assistance the Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. will find us a hard lot to whip into line. One would hardly expect to see such true unionism in ladies who have had so little experience in such matters, but I dare say if it was to come to a test they would never push another plug for the Southwestern in Houston or any other Texas city now in trouble if it became necessary to win the strike.

The sheriff of Harris County has refused to swear in deputies until it became necessary to do so. The company appealed to the sheriff for men to protect their property, but the sheriff told them they would have to wait until there was some cause for such an action as the strikers had done nothing to warrant any such action.

All are well except Bro. Byron Caywood, who has been having an attack of typhoid fever. There is no receiver to hang up this month, so guess I will take another walk around the block to see how things are going.

Fraternally yours,
GEO. D. CROSSLEY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 68.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has rolled around for another letter in the Worker, and as the boys of 68 wish, I will endeavor to let our brothers know that we are still in the hunt. There has not been much transpired in the last month, only the strike at the Springs, but I am not posted enough on it to write anything on that matter. I suppose that all the boys know that there is a general strike from the east as far back as Salt Lake, for \$3, and 8 hours and recognition of the Union. I understand that the scale

and hours are granted in quite a number of places, but do not wish to recognize the Union. In my estimation, they want to leave out the main part and I do hope all the locals will stick it out to the finish, as if they don't recognize the Union how long do you suppose they will pay the scale and work the required hour? It appears to me that paying the scale and working the hours without the recognition of the locals is a trap to have the boys fall in and after they are caught they will crush them like an egg shell and do anything they please with them. Here's hoping the boys of the mentioned locals will cling together as a child does to the mother's breast and they cannot help but finish first in the race. Is it not a decided fact that without unionism we could not make enough to have the necessities of life? Organization, in my belief, is the only thing a working man has nowadays, and may long live the Brotherhood.

Well, enough of this, at our last meeting we received a communication from the Trades Council asking our opinion of the general half holiday, Saturday. When it came up we had quite a talk on the matter and I am glad to say all the boys voted favorably on it. A great many of the trades have it already.

We had three initiations last meeting night, two journeymen and one apprentice.

I am sorry to state that our president, A. J. Clark, has been on the sick list, but am glad to say he has fully recovered and was in the chair last meeting. Our Bro. Tony, while he is quite a lady's man, filled the vacancy made by our president's sickness to a queen's taste, even if he did have all kinds of trouble to chase. Speaking of chasing—and of course I mean chasing trouble—our Bro. Reed is far from slow himself. Well, if I must say it, he reminds me so much of Bro. Jack Raymond of No. 30, the singer. It is with regret that I did not hear from him through the November Worker.

We had nomination of officers at our last meeting and there are quite a few of them. Bro. Miller is nominated for the Press Secretaryship. Now I know he is just the man for that office and I will do all I can to have him elected. I must say that he is about as nice a brother as I have met. We were all very much pleased to hear of our business agent and financial secretary, Mr. Thorne, applying for the position at the Capitol building. We all join hands with him and sincerely hope he will get the place. He certainly can fill the bill. We have an honorary member with us who is about as true and loyal a union man as ever walked the streets of Denver. He has a shop of his own, and I will say if any man deserves to succeed he does. Good luck to our brother, Tom Spellisy. May he live long to prosper. Bro. Dougherty is still on the sick list, and nothing would

give me more pleasure than to see the day of his entire recovery. We also have another brother from Massachusetts at St. Anthony's hospital; he is reported improving. I hope he will soon be out again. Well, all the boys seem to be working at present, but prospects are not any too bright for the winter.

As the hour is getting late I guess I will ring off. Best wishes for the Brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. ANDERSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 69.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is a little late in the day to write to our beloved journal, but the E. W.'s in Texas are at present so busy that we beg, dear editor, you will excuse us for being so late.

Well, at present everything in Texas connected with the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. is in an uproar, as all the locals in the state demanded the state scale, nominally three dollars per day of eight hours, and being refused, were called out on strike.

Local 69 was called out Nov. 14th, but after being out about ten days some of the weaker ones wished to go back, so Local 69 voted to allow their members to scab legally on other locals in the state. Well, we heard of it from the other locals and Third V. P. Tripp, of Houston, visited us on Dec. 1st, and the result was that members of Local 69 employed by the Telephone Company were again called out. Monday, Dec. 3d, nearly every one of our brothers and some of the helpers came out. The two or three who did not come and are scabbing will be published here in the Labor Journal and their names be sent to the general offices.

We are putting up a fight for your life, as Local 69 has got to redeem herself with the other locals throughout the state. We are out to stay until the Telephone Company settles with the I. B. E. W. in every city in Texas.

Committees have been appointed to consult the business men of Dallas to ask them to discontinue the use of their phones until the company settles with us, and are meeting with good success, as this is about their first day out.

The following resolutions were presented to the Trades Assembly and Trades Council, also to every organized labor body in the city, and received their endorsement:

FRATERNAL GREETING.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5, 1900.

To the Honorable Body of ——, Dallas, Texas, Greeting:

Local Union, No. 69, I. B. E. W., at a regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1900, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Local 69 appoint a committee to visit the citizens of Dallas who are using the telephones of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Co. asking them to discontinue their phone service before Monday, Dec. 10, at 6 P. M., and that all persons not complying with this request be placed on the unfair list and treated as such by Local 69 of the I. B. E. W.

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of Bros. Swor, Courtney and Sanburn, be appointed to visit the different unions of organized labor in Dallas asking them to impose a fine upon members patronizing merchants using telephones of the S. W. T. & T. Co.'s exchange.

Resolved, further, That this committee be instructed to request the different unions to make suitable provisions for the financial support of the striking electrical workers of Dallas.

Signed, E. S. GILES,
WM. COURTNEY,
J. P. DEPPS.

The strikers are quiet and orderly, no altercations between them and scabs, and there has been no destruction of property. By such methods we have won the sympathy of the citizens of Dallas.

Well, as I haven't been here quite a month, and as Local 69 has not been out very long, I leave it to the P. S.'s of other Texas locals to tell our brothers of the North our little troubles.

A few of our brothers have taken cut traveling cards and hit the hammer, among them Bros. Brunn, Williams and Brady, the latter two going to St. Louis.

I tell you we have got some good workers in Local 69. Take our President, for example, Bro. Frank Swor; he's only working from sixteen to eighteen hours a day to win this fight. Also Bros. Courtney, McQueen, Jameson and Cooper. If every member took as much interest and worked as hard our fight would be much stronger and shorter, in your humble servant's estimation.

Bros. Broky Brooks, Kid Carver, Red Evans and Alexander gave us a visit this week, but have gone to Houston, where they went out on a strike.

The Postal Tel. Co. and the Southwestern Electrical Supply and Engineering Co. have also been declared unfair by this local.

Well, Texas is a nice state, and when we win our fight will have lots of work here.

We hold continuous meetings in our hall both night and day and we have got quite a little enthusiasm stirred up.

Locals 140 and 147, don't forget your poor Kid down here and write once in a while. Hope you are doing well and have a few more in line up there. I have met a number of Michigan boys here.

Bro. Egan, who has been down with

small-pox, is able to be out; also Bro. Davis has nearly recovered from his severe illness.

Well, it is getting late and there is not much more to write—probably will be next time—and I have an engagement to help "ding" a scab, so I'll close the circuit for now. Yours fraternally,

E. S. GILES,
P. S., Pro Tem.

Local Union No. 71.

Quebec, Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been some time since you have heard from No. 71, and I am continually hearing complaints from the members because the news of our local does not appear more often in the Worker. Being so busy I had no time to write last month, the names of the officers did not appear in the Worker. They are:

Pres.—O. E. Legare.
Vice Pres.—V. Chenier.
Rec. Sec.—Ely L. Heureux.
Fin. Sec.—J. J. Fleming.
Treas.—Ad. J. Bouret.
Press Sec.—M. Dundon.
Inspect.—L. Lamothe.
Foreman—J. Morin.

The union has changed its meeting rooms from Montcalm Market hall to No. 1 Boulevard Langelier. The meeting nights are on the 1st and 15th of every month. Since the new officers were elected there have not been many new members come in, but hope before their term expires there will be quite a few.

Glad to say there is more capital and sorry to announce the death of one of our members. Our union sent a letter of condolence to the widow and family of the deceased.

I am not much of a composer of letters, but will endeavor next time to have a longer one.

Fraternally yours,
MAURICE DUNDON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 72.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Nothing having been heard from this local for several issues of the Worker, will take it for granted our corresponding secretary has forgotten he was elected to such an office. Well, never mind, Cassie, we will let it go at that; but you must do better, my boy. We want the other locals to know we can be as loud as any of them.

We have been out on a strike here for two months and can honestly say we gain more confidence in our situation every day, for we undoubtedly have the Southwestern Telephone Co. where they must grant the State scale, and they are the ones making the hardest fight against us. We have about forty lady operators interested in this

fight and, boys, every pennyweight of them is union. If your union isn't solid enough for you, just get your lady operators to join with you, and that will be your remedy. They encourage the boys who are only lukewarm, stimulate the stand-bys of the local and they work harder, are always ready to lend their assistance, know how to attend to business when business is on hand, and ready for pleasure when pleasure's turn comes.

We had two members turn traitor and are now scabbing on their own jobs. Both were cable splicers for the Southwestern Telephone. They are named J. E. Duke and C. C. Randle. Remember those names, boys. We will watch their movements. We have made all possible efforts to pull these beings off, but with no success. It can be easily seen why such efforts are futile, for the reason that anything that would scab on any job is destitute of honor, and they haven't reasoning power enough in their cocoanuts to realize they have honor. I can only ask for Leip to express contempt for such things.

With a few exceptions, every electrical concern in this State where the work is being done by union men, is paying the scale, and those who are not will soon have trouble getting work done.

We had a pop call by Bro. Tripp, of 66, this week. He stopped here on his return to Houston from Dallas. Bro. Tripp is a hustler, and the boys in these parts all know it.

"Old Crip," we haven't forgotten you, but you are aware of our present state of affairs. We will remember you when things are straightened out again.

Brothers, hope you will keep a clean lookout for agents out hunting cheap men to send this way, and notify us at our expense of shipments made so we can look out for them.

I wish to thank all the locals and individual brothers who have so kindly come to our assistance lately, and hope we will be able to return the favor if we should have the opportunity.

My candle burning low, so will tap this joint and let it go. ————— SAVAGE.

The following essay, by a lady member of this union, was read before one of our open meetings to the delight of all:

WHAT IS A UNION MAN?

He is a man with a heart, a heart beaming full of love and charity for his fellow man, who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow, a man of noble principles, who is ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to his fellow man and to a worthy brother in time of need. Not only is he a man, but he is a gentleman, brave and true, standing ever ready to protect and fight the battles of the weaker sex when honor is at stake and duty demands. A true and loyal union man has a heart that he shares

with others. He does not conceal it down in his inside pocket and say, "stay there, you are all for me." No! that is not a union man. The thought of sacrificing honor and principle for gold never finds a resting place in the heart of the true, noble and generous union man. He never seeks an opportunity to interfere with or pull down fellow creatures who are struggling hard by their daily labor to earn an honest living; he only asks for honest money for honest work. In my humble opinion there are two great principles that go to make up the true man, viz., gratitude and resentment. Hence the true union man is always grateful for the blessings he enjoys; but with a heart as brave as a lion's he is always ready to resent any attempt that might be calculated to reflect upon the morals or chastity of a true woman, and we ladies having cast our lots with you in this struggle for liberty, justice and right feel confident that we are protected.

"In union there is strength," and we need good, true, loyal men and women to aid us in this great cause for liberty and justice. We all know that capital has already organized against us (the working class), and we also know that capital is power at present, and we are made to realize that we must do something to escape the oppression that now threatens us. As for myself, here is my heart and hand for the promotion and advancement of our noble cause. Now these are some ideal principles of a union man.

L. G., L. U. No. 72.

Local Union No. 77.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The telephone boys are still out and the boys down the coast are supposed to be out. About 15 of the boys are to come into our local next meeting, so it is plainly seen that a fellow or some fellows have to be up against the real thing before they ge. wise, but we have hopes of getting the whole matter straightened out. The company offered \$2.75 and 9 hours, but I guess either one more hour off or 25 cents a day on might suit the boys. They have seven scabs at present, two of them pretty fair linemen. They were shipped here from Portland and we think we can get them away as they say they didn't understand the situation and now they are broke and in debt for transportation.

We are giving a ball next Thursday, the 6th, for the benefit of the telephone linemen and hope to realize very handsomely from it. With a little money we expect to feed these fellows who are hard up and pay their way back; any old thing to keep the company guessing.

There has been one or two arguments between the scabs and the boys. One of them cost \$35. Otherwise the boys have done good work guying the scabs while

working down town, and have succeeded in keeping the company from putting in phones in new down town places. Some good union sympathizers have refused to have phones put in order by anyone without a card. The light boys have been wearing a badge with the inscription "We are not telephone men."

Last Thursday was our first meeting in our new hall, and the beginning of our weekly meetings. On account of Thanksgiving I guess the majority of the boys were too full to attend. Anyhow the attendance was small. Next Thursday we meet and then adjourn to the dance. We expect to have a few specialties between dances, Indian club swinging, lighted up with colored lights inside, will be one of the features and the hall is to be gaily decorated. Bros. Meipert and Leedy are going to show the boys they are not so slow. I understand Sam has a couple of queens invited and Leedy has been preparing a very gorgeous invitation to the Telephone Operators Union, and more than that he expects to go up and present it at their meeting tomorrow night with a well studied speech and nicely combed mustache.

Building was quite brisk last month, but the rain is bothering some. There has been a great deal of refitting of saloons and stores, some elegant, which, of course, requires considerable work in our line.

We have not been able to get settled on our new scal yet, but will settle it next meeting.

Bros. Dexter and Foster were on the sick list. Bro. Dexter was satisfied with one week and Bro. Foster with two weeks.

We had a touch of Eastern weather last month. Snow for about a week, which made it interesting for the outside boys.

Yours fraternally,
S. H. METCALF,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 79.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1900
Editor Electrical Worker:

Being so far out on the cruel, stormy sea with the white caps dancing over the tennips and the sleet sticking fast to the top-mast, not forgetting to get dead on to all wires in and near Syracuse, so we pulled the big ship in and started all hands out to fix things up. Well, fellows, she was a dandy; if you could have seen the coppers all in the streets. Say, wouldn't old Pokey had a circus with that rabbit!

Everybody is working, even the ladder-men; anybody that could get up a stick. The way it tore down things would have done credit to any park; yes, even Star Park; and the principal streets were bending low to acknowledge the first sleet, Canal street along with the rest. They do say a lineman's prayer will always be answered. Quite so with this one. Brother

Sherman, I promised in my next letter we would have every fixture working in Syracuse a card man, and now we have got 'em all in but one, and he is coming, sure. No. 79 is O. K. from her feet up. We are going to pick out our officers for the ensuing year next meeting and I will tell you their names in my next. I am sorry to close my letter with same old excuse, but by request I enclose my latest:

A UNION MAN'S REQUEST.

Many a bright, good-hearted fellow,
Many a noble-hearted man,
Hides himself in water shallow;
Then assist him, if you can.

Some succeed at every turning;
Fortune favors every scheme.
Others, too, though more discerning,
Have to pull against the stream.

Do your best to help each other,
Making life a pleasant dream;
Help a worn and crippled brother
Pulling hard against the stream.

Truly yours,

L. J. CROUCH,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 80.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 7, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Again it is my duty to write a few lines to your valuable paper, to let the brothers know that No. 80 is still alive and doing business, but not at the same old stand. Our little hall that we have heretofore been meeting in is now too small to accommodate us. So we meet now at 268 Main St. I do not know the name of the hall, but it is a nice roomy place, carpeted and nicely furnished. We have also changed our meeting night. The rest of this year we meet on Saturday night, so if there are any floating brothers in town any Saturday night we will be glad to see them at the above address.

Our charter has been open for the month of November for the purpose of securing new members. We have succeeded in converting sixteen (16) sinners this month, and if we have as good luck in December we will about have them all. I hope I will soon be able to report Norfolk a thorough union town, and that all scabs will have to miss here. We expect to have a grand Christmas ball. Will let you know all about it in the January Worker. There is not a great deal of work going on here now, but all the boys manage to keep going. I saw nothing in last month's Worker from 48. What's the matter with 48?

Well, I think I will ring off and write to my best girl. She comes next after No. 80 affairs.

Fraternally yours,
A. L. WINN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 90.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 5, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

The opportunity afforded me, perhaps

for the last time, to occupy space in your valuable paper, as my term of office expires with the close of the 19th century, to return thanks to you brothers of Local No. 90 for the honors conferred and the confidence reposed in me since I became associated with you, and I earnestly hope that the new century soon to be ushered in will bring to the organization and its individual members the blessings of the Omnipotent Worker.

Brothers, the only apology I can make for not having a letter in the November Worker is that I gave all my time to making political speeches before November 6th, and trying to become reconciled over defeat from that date until Nov. 10th, when any letter should have been in the hands of the printer. Hoping you will be considerate and accept that as a reasonable excuse I assure you I will do all that I possibly can to redeem lost ground, and as I am desirous of re-election you will pardon me for calling your attention to an act, or rather an omission, perhaps not intentional on your part, though it gave me much concern. In nominating your officers for the first six months of 1901 you tendered me every office from president down to the outside guard, the only exception being the office of press secretary, which goes to show plainly that you consider me a failure as a journalist; but don't you care, for there are others.

In perusing the letter of our grand president in the November Worker my eyes fell on a paragraph where he told of his travels through the New England States and the condition of the I. B. E. W. in the different cities (New Haven omitted). If our worthy president has read about the defeat of the boys from the City of Beans by the sons of Eli over the possession of the pigskin on the Yale field, it must please him to know that there are others in Boston besides the electrical workers who are not up to date.

The conference of delegates from the various locals in the New England States, to be held in New Haven on the second Sunday in January, will give the members of Local No. 90 a chance to show the visiting delegates that the brothers of the little Nutmeg State are full of hospitality. Every brother should be present on that day and give the delegates a royal welcome. The good work accomplished by their gatherings may not be very noticeable for the time being, but they will set the big corporations to thinking and wondering what it all means.

Local No. 90 is increasing its membership at nearly every meeting, and expects to have them coming in pairs after the Building Trades Council, that is now being organized, gets in good running order. New Haven will be a thorough union city this coming year and inside wiremen will have to be imported unless those that are

here join the union or form one of their own.

As this is the Xmas number of the Worker space may be limited, so I will cut this letter short. In concluding I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

F. J. HORAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 93.

Ottawa, Can., Dec. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, Central! No. 93, Ottawa. Well, here we are, and sound as an apple. Three long months since we had a scratch in the Worker, so I think it is time we had something to say.

No. 93 is floating along the same old way, catching a victim now and then. All our boys are working steadily and putting in lots of overtime.

The new 12,000-volt arc circuit is taking away a scab now and then, but leaving the good union men to finish up the work.

Say, where is Bro. C. W. Davis, and why don't he answer my letter of some time ago? Also would like to hear from "Old Crip."

We are all pleased to learn that Bro. Demers is working a gang in Hull and has but very little shinning to do himself.

By the way, if there is any one in the I. B. E. W. by the name of Mike Grany, of Waterbury, Conn., will he please write to the R. S. of 93, his old friend.

As my pen is getting lame and the ink is beginning to freeze, I must call off. So with the best wishes and success to all brothers.

Fraternally,
MAC.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 96.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In looking over the November Worker I could find nothing from 96. We are surprised at our press secretary, but he has not been seen at a meeting for about two months so I will write a line to let the members of No. 96 know where we meet. November 15th we moved to 387 Main street, room 19, which room is open at all times for the use of the members, and we hope they will now take more interest in the union. If we all take hold and help there is no reason why we cannot have one of the best locals in the state. We have added 14 or 16 new members in November and have eight applications that have been accepted and expect to add them to our list next Monday night. This will make very close to 100 members and I want to start the new year with that number.

Local 96 held their first dance and social November 22nd, and it was a success in every way and everyone was pleased.

The end of the year is close at hand and with the new year we must have new officers and I hope every member will be present at all meetings before that time, for the election of officers is very important. We have been dragging along in a loose sort of a way for the past year and I hope that in the next few months will see a decided change for the better.

I hope the inside men will see it is to their interest to attend the meeting more regularly than they have been doing. As this is a mixed local we want all branches represented.

Inside work is rather dull in Worcester, only a few large jobs being done and those out of town, but I believe all the boys are working at present. Line work has been very good with the N. E. T. & T. Co. and Postal Tel. Co.

Bro. Marshall, foreman for the N. E. T. & T., has severed his connection with that company. I believe he intends to take a short rest. We hope he will not leave the city, but if he does I do not think he will leave the Brotherhood. May good luck and best wishes go with him.

One of the trimmers, John Glegies, of the W. E. L. Co., fell from a pole Monday, Nov. 26th, striking on his head and was killed. He was not a member of any local. He leaves a wife and three children. Brothers, keep your dues paid up as your time will surely come some day, and then even \$100 will help those who have to pay the bills.

Local 96 believes there should be some insurance in the I. B. E. W., other than the \$100 death benefit, but I hardly believe we could make it more than \$1,000. Of course this would add to the cost of membership, but I think it a good thing to talk up.

Now, brothers, I will say that just before election of officers takes place there is likely to be a very warm meeting and if you are not here something may be done that you will not like. To make sure that everything will be done in a proper and business-like manner and that the best men for office shall be elected, it is your duty to the union and to yourself that you should be here. As I said before, these rooms are open at all times, but you must call some meeting night (any Monday) and get a key. We are selling out at cost and have only a few left at 15 cents each. Hoping that we have a press secretary for January, 1901, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
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Local Union No. 98.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8th, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A project was under discussion in Philadelphia at a dinner recently looking to the realization of a modern Utopia and the consequent solution of the "labor problem."

The salient features, as outlined by the different speakers, all well-known business men, were: A town composed of operatives of a certain industry, to be built by a corporation controlling that industry—all rents paid to be considered as installments of purchase price of each man's home, who thereby in time becomes a property holder and his declining years gladdened by the thought that he is not, nor is his family, to become a public charge. Schools and churches to be built, and all things necessary to the mental and moral advancement are proposed to make the working classes understand that capital is not against labor, and establish closer relations between the employer and employed.

It sounds beautifully. Then, of course, it is proposed (in the language of one of the speakers), that "after the capital invested shall have drawn a reasonable dividend, any surplus is to be devoted to the improvement of the town."

A committee of twelve was appointed to take further steps, and if the town is successful it is intended to establish others.

Now this land boom, with the avowed intention of realizing a reasonable dividend, under the guise of a concession from Capital to Labor, conceived and fostered by chronic capitalists, some of whom are notorious as union fighters and employers of scabs, is so transparent as to be a direct insult to the intelligence of the working-man, whose perspicacity is so little considered that it is supposed that he will glibly jump at the bait.

Now, what is good for the capitalist certainly should prove good for the working-man. Capital is strengthening itself by combination; labor should do likewise. Capital understands that by the formation of gigantic corporations the material produced can be produced to the benefit of capital. Labor combined and incorporated can just as surely regulate the market price of labor, and it thus lies within the power of labor to break the power of capital combined. How shall this be better brought about than by labor unions becoming incorporated, so they can have some standing before the law, then sticking together like glue, for it is only in union that labor has any strength. This is written in the hope that the wives, mothers and sisters of union men who read the letters in the Worker, and who exert much influence for good on their husbands, fathers and brothers, will bring all the pressure possible to bear upon those who, through indifference, laziness or pure cussedness, neglect to keep themselves in good standing with the organization of the trade to which they belong, the union that protects them and their family from imposition, secures them a competence for the work they perform, and provides them with a substantial help in sickness and death.

No. 98 has begun what is hoped will

surely prove of immense benefit. Application is now being made for a state charter and indications point to our starting the new century as a corporation. It is intended to remain in the good old Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, however, making, as it were, a dual organization.

Another step taken by the local was remitting all fines standing against members for scabbing, and taking back into the organization expelled members upon the payment of all back dues. This was to many a bitter pill, but it is hoped will prove for the good of the union.

From time to time a number of contractors have expressed themselves as willing to sign an agreement with the local as a corporation and in accordance with the finding of an examining board to hire none but union men. This perfected, should put the local on a firm business footing and strikes and the necessity for them averted.

Bishop Henry Potter, of New York, in testifying before the Industrial Commission in Washington, said he had more confidence in voluntary organizations to meet evils growing out of the sweatshop system than in legislation. He advocated a permanent commission to mediate between capitalists and labor organizations. He said that he thought where large corporations refuse to arbitrate, as in the recent Pennsylvania coal strike, the remedy really lay in the intelligent organization of labor.

The labor problem seems to be the fad and everybody nowadays is studying economics. At the thirteenth annual session of the Browning Society of Philadelphia a radical departure was taken from the usual proceedings and the subject of the evening's debate was "Labor."

Good fellowship tends to bring the membership of an organization into closer touch with each other, and much rancor brought by difference of opinion is smoothed over and forgotten. Acting on this premise, No. 98 has striven to bring its members together in a social as well as a business contact, and to this end appointed a standing entertainment committee whose function is to serve up at intervals a smoker or other jollification whereat the members can get better acquainted. Our last effort in that direction was a ball given on the 19th of November which, from the standpoint of fun and frolic, was eminently successful. It was hoped that the receipts would yield to the local a tidy sum for the treasury, but this aim was not realized. Those who came enjoyed it, those who did not are responsible for the disappointment.

January 2d will be the anniversary of our admission into the Brotherhood, and will be commemorated by a subscription banquet at which those attending can bring ladies.

The business agents of the unions affiliated with the Council of the Allied Trades

recently gave, together with the labor reporters of the principal papers, a farewell banquet to Daniel Shalkop, business agent of the Moulder's Union. Mr. Shalkop has been sent through the state as organizer.

Another banquet is in prospect on the 23d of February, as that date marks the first mile-stone of the Council of the Allied Building Trades.

Fraternally,

CHAS. SID ANDRES,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 99.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As there is no press secretary of Local Union 99, and it is again time to let the outside world know that No. 99 is still alive and hope the boys will put their shoulders to the wheel and attend their meetings. I think it would be a benefit to our local. Wake up, brothers; come down and see us. You surely can spend a couple of hours with us twice a month, and let us understand one another. Business is very good and all the boys are working.

The Union Railroad has extended their trolley line all over the State and the steam railroad will change one of their branches to a trolley line. The Electrical Co. has been doing lots of work, and the Providence Telephone Co. still keeps quite a number employed.

A letter from No. 27, once in a while, would seem encouraging up this way. We always like to read them.

Bro. Dugan has gone to his new field of labor, and wishing him success, will short-circuit this letter.

Fraternally yours,

HARRY C. RILEY.

Local Union No. 101.

Brockton, Mass., Nov. 23, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Once more we call attention of the brothers of other locals to explain our interest in the brotherhood. We held a public meeting October 31, to which all interested in organized labor were invited. The meeting was opened by President John McNeil, welcoming the visitors and introducing our worthy Grand President, Mr. Thomas Wheeler, of the J. B. E. W. In his remarks he spoke of the rapid growth of the electrical workers' organization, and said it was one of the largest labor bodies affiliated with the American Federation of Labor to-day, having a membership reaching the ten thousand mark, and there are indications of a continued growth. The grand president commended the wage paid in Boston to the masons' tenders and those paid the electrical workers, he said the wages in either case is \$2.50 per day and calls attention to the responsibility and general knowledge required to carry on the business of the electrical

worker. The mason's tender simply has to know enough to fill his hod and dump it when full, doing the two things at the right time and in the right place. The electrical worker should be paid more, because of the extra amount of judgment required, to say nothing of the dangers encountered daily. He thought the masons' tenders should not receive less, but the electrical workers more. He also compared the work of the locomotive engineer with that of an electrical worker, and said that the locomotive engineer does not have any more danger to face than the electrical worker, and that it requires as good a head and as careful handling.

The next speaker introduced was Mr. Frasier, of the Barbers' International Union. He alluded to the progress of the barbers and stated that their wages had been kept up through the efforts of organized labor.

Our mayor also attended our meeting, though a little late, but his presence, I can assure you, was much appreciated by our local and he was quickly introduced by Pres. McNeil.

Mayor Coulter said he always had a good word for organized labor and that our union, in order to be successful and be able to carry out our just claims, should take a firm interest in the organization. When they failed to take such interest and work for its good the union went down. Such is the history of every union. He says he is just as good a union man as he has ever been, and if there was a way to be a better one he would like to know how. He called attention to the allegiance one labor organization should show to another. Every union man should demand goods bearing the union label and insist on getting them, and that every article of wearing apparel which he wore had the union label, and he prides himself upon the fact. [Applause.]

Alderman Dowd was next introduced and expressed a feeling that he was much pleased to meet with the electrical workers' union. There was one question which we were waiting to hear brought before the local. That was the Massachusetts Tel. & Tel. Co. franchise. He said he knew of the grievances of the electrical workers there would undoubtedly have been a change, and as it is, he will see what can be done. [Applause.]

Our local calls for an eight-hour day instead of the present nine, for all electrical workers and, brothers, if there is anything our city government can do for us in the shape of good, fair, honest business, they are with us every time. Hurrah for Local 101.

I want every brother in the I. B. E. W. to know that J. W. Pushee is an expelled member from Local 101, especially 104 of Boston.

Fraternally,

C. A. WILBAR,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 104.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have just been elected press secretary, I will give you a little information as to how we are getting along in Boston. This is my first letter to the Worker and I suppose there will be some mistakes, which I hope will be overlooked. Union No. 104 is getting along very well at present; the men employed at line work have come to the age where they see their mistake in not coming in with the old standbys who always were and always will be among us and who we are all proud to be with, for they spend most of their time in promoting the welfare of the union. I will give you the name of one of these men, Pres. Birmingham; he is one of the foremost of the workers who have labored for the welfare of the men he presides over every Wednesday night. You will find him in and about the city doing committee and other work of interest to the union. I am sorry to inform you that Pres. Birmingham is to retire from the chair he has occupied the first year of the union and we must admit it was nothing but a successful one. We feel proud of the work that was accomplished under his advice and attention.

The employees of the Boston Electric Light Co. are pretty well represented in the union, but there are a few of the good workers we used to have in our ranks that we can't get within our magnetic field at present. I hope some of the workers will see their wives or sweethearts and ask them if they couldn't get them to come back in the union again, for it is for their interest, so they can get nicer bouquets and sweeter bonbons.

The Boston Electric Light Co. has built a new station in South Boston, and it is the largest and most up-to-date station in the United States. They have shut down all their other stations and are now carrying their whole load from the South Boston station. There are two other lighting companies in Boston worthy of notice, the Edison and the Suburban.

The Boston Elevated R. R. is employing a large force of linemen. They are doing lots of new work and are building a new station on Atlantic avenue.

I hope, Mr. Editor, that Grand Pres. Wheeler will meet with success at the A. F. of L. convention at Louisville, Ky., and that our resolutions will be adopted.

At our last regular meeting we voted to run a smoke talk once a month, being assured we will have plenty of talent to make an interesting evening for the linemen not in our ranks.

Since you heard from us last we have run our annual ball, which was one of the most successful affairs ever held in Boston. It was held in Copley hall. The decorations were something elegant. The grand

march started at 9 o'clock, led by our worthy president, Bro. Birmingham, and lady. The boys all say he was a dream; he was as gay as a boy of 16. Boys, you should have seen him; he was one of the gayest in the hall. I tell you he don't look bad in a full dress suit.

Our nomination and election of officers will be held before I write my next letter, in which I will tell all about it.

Fraternally yours,
D. J. BURNETT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 105.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

There is little news to chronicle from this corner of the continent. The snowflakes are beginning to fall, which indicates the approach of another winter, and the boys on the road had better exchange their linen dusters for fur coats before they get this far north. Most of the boys have had a good summer, and judging from the appearance of some of their cellars, they are not going to starve this winter. A couple of the boys have kept a farmer busy filling their cellars with potatoes, and judging from the size of the piles of this vegetable it will keep them busy masticating until the 24th of May. There is no doubting their nationality.

The last year in the nineteenth century is rapidly drawing to a close, and we will have passed through one of the most successful eras in the history of organized labor the world has ever seen, and as we are ushered into another year let it be the duty of every member of the I. B. E. W. to take upon himself the responsibility that upon him alone depends the success of this organization.

I will close, but not before sending Christmas greetings and a bright and prosperous New Year to every local in the Union from 105. I remain,

Yours truly,
JAS. DONALDSON.

Local Union No. 109.

Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, I expect you will be surprised to hear a word from 109, as it has been a long time since we had anything to say. We are still in existence and picking up stragglers as they come our way. Work is getting slack in the big cities, but all the brothers seem to be working pretty steadily. The non-union men don't seem to fare so well when they drop in here, as the union man gets the preference, especially at the Central Union Telephone Co., just because the city foreman, our worthy Bro. Mac, tells them where they are at, and also tells them they are not the right color. Hurrah for Mac! If we only had a few more foremen in this place like him it

would be of no use for a liner to land here unless he could show his credentials. The Electric Light Co. and Street Railway don't seem to talk as strong as Mac, but we are young and got lots of room to grow; and we are growing, too.

Bro. Jim Hallner, who fell from a fifty-foot pole some time ago, is able to get around again; but he won't climb any more poles, as he has no use of one arm and one leg is about three inches shorter than the other. But he is in good spirits. The Street Railway, whom he was working for when he fell, are doing well by him. They took care of him while he was laid up and as soon as he could get out they put him on the pay roll. He has gone South for the winter to try and recruit up a little, and we all hope to see him looking better when he gets back.

No. 109 had an election of officers at last meeting, and that is just the reason that I am trying to say something, but don't know how, as this is my first attempt. I hope it will pass this time and I may do better next. Wishing all brothers success, I will ring off for this time and try and tell you more about ourselves in the next.

Things are pretty quiet just now, because, you know, it is pretty near Xmas and the boys are saving up their small change to buy their better halves a present. Before I close I guess I had better introduce the newly elected officers, as follows:

Pres.—S. H. Lenney.
Vice-Pres.—W. C. Bloom.
Fin. Sec.—M. McNealy.
Rec. Sec.—Wm. Laman.
Treas.—J. T. Marron.

Yours fraternally,
ED. LOVE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 112.

Watertown N. Y., Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have once more taken the opportunity of writing to our official journal, and am very sorry to state that the brothers of Local 112 do not attend meeting. Our president has not been visible since Labor Day, also our vice-president. Am sorry to say that if the brothers of Local 112 don't do better there will be no local in Watertown. Our room is in the Doolittle & Hall block, the rent of which is \$5 a month. If the boys don't come up it is all off with us. A number of the boys have girls on the brain and those who are married are kept away by their wives. Now, take me, for instance; it keeps me busy jollying the old lady to see if I can go or not, but I always manage to get there, sometimes to find no one else there. I see by the journal where different locals say they have a large attendance. Will they kindly inform me how they get members to attend. Well, I will close, hoping to have better news to write next time.

Yours respectfully,
H. A. McCAGHERTY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 121.

Denver, Colorado, Dec. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The writer has just finished looking over the November Worker, and has tried his very best to find something of interest in the same, outside of the letters from the different locals, but the only thing found was the insurance plan, supported by No. 9 of Chicago. That is a matter that should not be turned down, but by all means given the support by every member of our Brotherhood.

Our Official Journal does not seem to be improving any at all; it is no better to-day than it was five years ago. This does not speak very well for its management. Why is this? Why are we paying \$1 per year for a Journal whose intrinsic worth is hardly one fourth the amount. Look at the name of it. The Electrical Worker. One would naturally think on picking up such a paper that it would contain something beneficial to men looking for electrical information, but it is like looking for hen's teeth, few and far between. Whose fault is it? I want this answered. Is it prohibited? Would a man be expelled from the union if he should send to the Electrical Worker a few questions he wanted answered? and would they ever be answered? Would it cost too much to provide one or more letters each month on different subjects, from well known or well versed electricians? For my part I would much rather pay \$4 a year for a paper that would do me some good than to have a paper sent to me without cost, that I could derive no benefit from.

The above are my sentiments in regard to our official journal, and I am not ashamed to have any of the brothers know them.

No' 121 initiated Geo. Ingersoll to-night and he seemed to be well pleased with his easy treatment.

Bro. O. M. Brown came to work one morning not long since, with a smile commensurate with his physical proportions (he measures 6 ft. 7 in.), and with also a box of cigars with which he made known the fact that he had added another son to his family.

Bro. Dave Stablismit is back again. Dave says he has had a splendid time this summer on the other side of the range and is going back there again. A feminine attraction, I presume.

Bros. Vice P. Pierce, and Virgil English leave to-morrow for Texas, where they expect to put in the coming winter.

Bro. Bissell left Sugar City for parts unknown, even to his wife, not more than three weeks ago. Bissell has been running a crew for the Colorado Telephone Company and was well liked by everybody. About two weeks before he left, a young fellow who claimed to be a traveling passenger agent, and had been rooming at Bro. Bis-

sell's residence, took \$105 and all the silverware and wearing apparel he could lay his hands on and made good his escape. This, with trouble of a more serious nature, broke Bro. B. up entirely and is the cause of his getting away with, perhaps, \$300 of money belonging to the company and different members of the crew from whom he had borrowed.

Should this letter reach the eyes of Bro. Bissell, the writer wishes he would write him, as he might be able to help him.

Fraternally,
C. A. ARCHER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 122.

Great Falls, Montana, Dec. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Once more I have the pleasure to inform you that we are flourishing in Great Falls and running just as smooth as if we were satin, but sorry to say two of our members are disabled at present. Edwin Gribble met with quite a serious accident: he fell from a scaffold, broke three ribs and dislocated his hip, but at this present writing is sitting up. Also, Carl Anderson fell from a step-ladder and broke his wrist. He said he still had hopes of getting his balance on the ladder until he hit the floor, and then he gave up all hopes.

Wm. F. Kolide looked bad for a while, but is looking better now and able to be out. He took to him a better half and, of course, we all join in wishing him happiness upon happiness. He has not said anything about the rough house they had the first night. I don't suppose he would own to it, but I got it from a pretty good party [who said that the furniture was all turned upside down dummies put in the bed and pictures turned toward the wall. I guess he realizes that goes with married life by this time.

Bro. C. W. Todd has left town, for a short time we hope, but success to him. He is now running a gang of sixteen men near Whitehall, Mont.

W. E. Snow went to Minneapolis some two months ago, but we have not heard from him since he left.

E. H. Meade was in Butte, Mont., working for the Montana Electric Co. for three months, but is back with us again.

Foreman J. Caton has twelve gainers that have been moving the Exchange, but the brothers expect to leave before long. Two of the boys expect to go to work for the Light Co. here Monday next.

C. Ferry is back here with us now from Colorado. He will come back, but seems to like a change. He prospects in the mountains awhile, but finds out that it is a long chance, and comes back to us.

Bro. H. Hedenmark left us for Spokane, but we have not heard whether he ever got there or not. He said he was too thin to stand cold weather in Montana. Well, it

is not the pleasantest place in the "winter" time, but we all come out O. K. in the spring time.

Well, as I have told you about all that is gone, come and stayed, I will ring off and call you up later.

Yours fraternally,
M. POLEE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 126.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The press secretary having missed connections last month, I will endeavor to be in the game this time.

No. 126 is progressing finely and has initiated about eight new members since my last letter. We have lately become affiliated with the trades council, something that was not done sooner on account of a misunderstanding of conditions, etc. The trades council, assisted by all organized labor, recently won an important fight with the Evening Democrat of this city. After a very effective boycott, a great falling off in subscribers and advertisements, they came to time and signed an agreement with the typographical local. Every one of their employees was ordered to join the union.

The Texas trouble is being closely watched here and everyone hopes they will win their fight. No. 126 promptly answered the call for assistance from Waco upon learning that the strike was still on.

Several men who were floating around here have gone to Texas, and, it seems, went to work, and this with the fact that several of the operators have gone down there at the bidding of the Bell people, has caused Texas people to think hard of Arkansas labor. We are with you, boys, and no union man has left here to work there.

There are quite a few floaters in town; quite too many for the size of the place, especially now, when work is slack. However, as the boys all have cards they have been helped whenever possible.

No. 126 would like to hear expressions of opinion from the brothers about allowing the telephone operators to join the union.

Yours fraternally,
C. J. DREES,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 127.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is the first of the month I will sing my little song. Everything is very quiet in this section at present and will not start up till spring.

Bro. Ed Worden fell from a pole last week, which will lay him up for some time as it hurt his back quite badly; otherwise we are all very lively around here.

There is some information we would like

in regard to traveling cards. Article 14, Section 4, of the constitution says a member travels without any extra charge if he has been in good standing for one year, but in an article in last month's Worker it states they charge \$10 with a card. That may be all right, but I don't see it. When we try to get a new member the first thing he asks us is, "What if I go to some other town," and if he was told as the constitution reads and then read that article the chances would be very poor of getting him. I don't think it just the right thing, as the constitution says we must pass the examining board of the local we wish to enter and that ought to be enough to ask a member to do. The other way any local could place the extra fee so high nobody could pay it, and in case there was a large job in its district shut out everybody, which would not be right by any means.

Well, I guess I have explained the views of 127 in the matter, and having said enough, will close, wishing all locals as good success as 127 has had.

Fraternally yours,
DON COLE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 131.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are still in the "ring," although the brothers over the country haven't heard much from us, but we are a quiet lot and work in a quiet way. When 131 was organized there were some ten or twelve dusky role punchers working here, but in this town they have been relegated to oblivion, and seem to have gone "where the woodbine twineth." I guess they thought something might break, and the best thing to do would be to get out.

We have several of the old timers with us, Bros. Tom (Happy) Davis, Big "C" Grosse, "Boweser" Allen, and several others to keep things warm.

All the brothers here are hot for the union, and I think before long we will have one of the strongest union towns in the South.

I don't know what it is, whether the climate or what, but there seems to be an epidemic of the matrimonial fever among the brothers here. First (Happy) Tom Davis leaves the ranks of single blessedness and joins the Benedictines, and now comes the news that in a few days Bro. John Russum will follow suit, then before many moons I hear that our worthy president, Bro. Loomis, will fall in line. Well, it has to be so, for the I. B. E. W. must be kept up, and little ones will grow.

Work is quiet here now, but I hope to see lots of it before winter is over. As this is my first letter to the Worker, I will not take up any more space, so wishing you, Mr. Editor, and the brothers a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am

Yours fraternally,
J. H. W. (CASEY),
Press Sec. Pro Tem.

Local Union No. 135.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has fallen my duty once more to pen a few lines to the Worker in behalf of Local No. 135. Well, boys, things are moving along very well here; everybody seems to be working and we are still trying to convince our non-union friends that unionism is best. We are catching them one by one and I think we will have them all in a short time.

We are now meeting in our new room in Polk building, corner Broad and Front streets, every Saturday night, and are having very good meetings. Every brother seems to think it a pleasure as well as a duty to attend them.

Brothers, if you are traveling and should stop at Trenton, why not give us a call? We would be very much pleased to see you.

Mr. Editor, I am glad to say the members of the Trenton Common Council, at their last meeting, adopted the ordinance which authorizes the employment of none but union labor in any contract work carried on by the city authorities by a unanimous vote. The measure was reported favorably by the chairman of the committee on ordinances, and after a second reading was finally passed. This effectually disposes of the effort of the local laboring men to secure official recognition of their organizations, and is a victory of no little consequence to those who have had the fight in hand. Of course, Mr. Editor, there is but little electrical work done by the city, but it means work to men who would join the I. B. E. W. if they were in the electrical business, so it all counts just the same.

We are going to have a smoker and invite every electrician in the city to come and have a good time with us. We want them all to see what good times we have. We have plenty of stuff to smoke at every one of our meetings, cigars or pipe and tobacco, and have an all around good time.

I must close now, Mr. Editor, thanking you for the space in your valuable paper, I am,

Yours fraternally,
N. MOUNTFORD,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 136.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

If you will grant me space, I will again attempt to make my monthly "spiel." No. 136 is still flourishing. We were doing such a land office business that we were unable to supply the demand for application blanks. However, we are now blessed with plenty.

Business is still good; all our boys are working and room could be made for a few more if they were here now.

The Sou. Bell, I understand, is going to get rid of all its "kinks" and put white union men in their places. This is rumor, and I also understand the Bell says it don't need any men at present. We have an eye on them and will report later. The Home Phone people are using union men only. The Consolidated Light Co. six months ago had one white man and a big gang of "kinks." Today they have a good sized gang of union whites and one kink who officiates as bar tender, and the good news is that at the next meeting of the stockholders the foreman, who has a pull, will ask that all linemen, helpers, inside men, earth worms, and all, be white. Then we'll see that everything has a card. This is another illustration of "In union is strength." Another thing is, the interest that should be taken in our order; for instance, we have two now, and until two weeks ago had three, of our officers working for that company. When we were organized we had one member representing the Consolidated people. He is now our F. S. I was next to fall into line, and when I was knocked out our worthy president, rather than see Mr. "Cuffee" put upon hooks, shut up shop and went out and doomed the walkers, and if I will be excused for being personal, I will say that every man who works there from the union has been a hustler and have been rewarded by the report that nothing but union men would be employed hereafter. But their cards must be up to date.

We have had our first trouble and we are victors. The Home people wanted to cut down the noon hour to half and the boys to lose rainy weather. A special meeting was called and a petition drawn to the effect that the boys wanted an hour at noon and some provision made that would enable the boys to put in straight time. A committee was appointed to wait upon the superintendent, and the following night, being regular meeting night, the committee reported that the company had agreed to all that was asked, notwithstanding they had said they would fill the places of any and all men who raised an objection to the rule of a half-hour noon with coons or anything they pleased, but when they saw the solid list of names and the endorsement of 136 they weakened.

No. 136 has had some few reverses as well as much prosperity. Bro. W. H. Brewer left for San Antonio, Tex., for his health. We heard from him yesterday. The first thing he did was to deposit his card; the next was to go to work in a cooper shop as the strike there is still on.

W. H. Sholmaker, another one of our "Willies," fell from a pole last week and broke his ankle and was otherwise bruised.

I, myself, experienced the thrilling sensation of dropping through space for about 25 feet and fetching up suddenly on the pavement with a broken and dislocated

wrist and a fractured hip, but considering everything, we are doing nicely and inside men are entirely too scarce. The same may be said of outside men. Bros. Boykin, Bullock, McCall and McDonnell have moved to their new place on First avenue, and a spacious place it is. Have just learned that Bro. Boykin is suffering from appendicitis at the infirmary.

Well, boys, let me tell you! We had our smoker and it was all right. We attended to some business first, then adjourned for refreshments. We had a nice musical programme and some fine vocal music and speeches, but what beat the band was "Big Joe Averill's Experience on the Bowery" rendered by big Joe himself. We are going to give our annual ball shortly before the holidays.

Well, for fear of using too much space, I will trow de switch. With best wishes for the I. B. E. W.

Yours fraternally,
"HAPPY JACK,"
Press Sec.

P. S.—Bro. Boykins died this afternoon; full account in next letter.

J. A. P.

Local Union No. 138.

For Wayne, Ind., Dec. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 138 is doing nicely and the boys are all hustling. I think by the first of the year all the electric workers in the city will be with us.

Bro. Harry E. was on the sick list, but was with us again last meeting.

Work is not very rushing, as some of the boys are out of work. The attendance at the meetings is very good.

Yours truly,
F. X. S.

Local Union No. 142.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, in the language of the immortal Clara Murphy, hold your horses for we are coming right along with the rest of the show and if we don't scare some of the snake hunters in this neck of the woods before long our No. is not 142, and that is what the G. S. says it is.

Well, to make a short story long, Wheeling is in line, and hereafter any stump jumpers coming this way without paid-up tickets will find it quite frosty. We are very well organized and more men are coming in every meeting. Work is a little dull just now but we look for better times in a few weeks. We are picking up the inside wiremen very rapidly and take it altogether we are all the time coming up. Col. Jim Bonnette is here with his natural born band of fixers and The Splicer is looking for talent. Since Bones Kennedy and Red Lights started south his combination has gone to smash. He could have stood the jar of losing Willy Brown and

his niez, but when he lost Bones and Red it made him weep. But hold your horses, I almost forgot; we had a visit from the great and irrepressible Dipper Dwyer, and to say we gave him an enthusiastic reception goes without saying for he is a hot one. Any fixers who can do a turn with their feet or do a little ground or lofty tumbling or juggling (schooners barred) can secure an engagement for next season by writing to Splicer. He would like to have Kid Giles on slack wire, for if he fell off he is so light the wind would hold him up.

Say, Burgess, who shot out that light? Hello, D. D. McKay! how is 14 coming up?

Well, I guess I have peddled enough hot air this time, and as I don't want to beat Hot Air Jimmie out of his title I will close with a list of our noble band of officers:

Pres.—W. R. Walker.
Vice. Pres.—Edw. Johnson.
Fin. Sec.—D. C. Huddlestone.
Rec. Sec.—J. Splicer.
Press Sec.—Jno. Abernethy.
Trustees—C. M. Davis, O. V. Chriswell, Geo. DeWiggans.
Inspectors—L. T. Danford, Wm. Battin.
Foreman—S. H. Marshall.
Delegates to Trades Assembly—J. F. Bonnette, John Beemer, John Splicer.
Yours truly, in jail or out,
NIGGER ABERNETHY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 143.

Conneaut, O., Dec. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it has been about two months since Local 143 had a piece in the Worker, as press secretary I will now try and do my duty and let the world know that we are still alive and meet every two weeks in Harrington block, State and Chestnut streets.

Our worthy Bro. Randall seems to be in a mix-up all the time with the girls in the office, while Bro. Hill is all the time trying to please them. Now there are James Moore and Charles Deijo, who live down in Hogan's alley, with snoots full of booze, telling how they are going to live this winter on the fat of the land.

We are glad to hear that Bro. John Ryan, or "Pull-away," is working, and is where there is a good union, and we wish him the best of success, and we woud all be glad to hear from Bro. Bill Bodewick, or J. J. O'Connell. There are one or two of our members that have started for Texas, and we wish them the best of success and hope to hear from them in the near future as to how they are getting along.

Work in Conneaut is not very brisk at the present time, so I would not advise any brothers to stop here. Some of our brothers are a little slow in paying up their dues, and we do wish they would get their

minds made up to pay them up more prompt, as it makes a better showing for the local.

As my flues are all blown out I will cut out until next month.

Fraternally yours,
P. H. WALLACE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 145.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 10, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

There appears to be something of a calm upon the electrical field at present which I think can be attributed to the nearness of Xmas time and the closing out of the old year—not alone the old year, but a century of the most remarkable development along scientific lines ever known to history.

It has been in the latter part of this last century that our vocation in life has been given to us, and the electrical workers can appreciate, if anyone can, the remarkable growth of the electrical science, which has done, and is doing, so much to revolutionize the mechanics of the world. Although wonderful things have been done in the past, the future seems rich in the promise of great things to come.

Local 145 has sustained a severe loss this past month, as both our president, Mr. F. D. Horton, and our recording secretary, Mr. A. N. Sullivan, have decided to leave Saginaw for a time. Two members of such sterling worth we can ill afford to lose, and yet we can appreciate their faithfulness and the stimulus they have given to the work of the local here. Through their experience as laymen they helped to make our electrical discussions very interesting and practical. In Mr. Sullivan we lose a type of man which all unios hold dear. He had the knack of opening up a discussion, regardless of his own opinion, which would at all times awaken interest, thus drawing the other members out. As they leave us, they carry with them the hearty well wishes of all members of Local 145.

We elected Mr. F. H. Friant as president to succeed Mr. Horton. We regard him as a man of ability, and we do not doubt but what he will reflect credit upon both the local and himself.

Mr. George W. Fisher, who succeeds Mr. Sullivan as recording secretary, will have a splendid opportunity to utilize the superabundance of energy which we have always known him to possess.

In closing I take pleasure in extending in behalf of Local 145 a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all our brothers.

Sincerely,
WM. P. GOLDIE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 146.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

If I don't write something for your valuable paper every month I can just imagine

what will happen to me. I think I would be worse off than the lineman who got hit on the head with a six-pin arm falling from the top of a thirty-five-foot pole, breaking the arm in two parts, and the lineman lives to-day to tell of it. It is very hard work for me to get anything together that will be in any way as interesting as other press secretaries write; they are all interesting letters to me, and I trust mine will be the same to others.

Work here in the East is getting slack. We have some brothers out of employment at present; the two extra men with the Telephone are laid off, and I will state for the benefit of those looking for work that Bridgeport, Conn., must be cut out at present.

One of our brothers, a first class inside wire fixer, went to Perth Amboy to go to work in the Raritan Copper Works of Perth Amboy, N. J. The head electrician, Ash, I believe his name is, told him personally that he would not have a union man around him. This man Ash asked the brother whether he belonged to the union, and the brother answered, as every true union man should, that he did and furthermore told him that he would not work for such a man at any price, and God knows he was in need of work at the time. All brothers looking for employment will kindly remember Perth Amboy, N. J., and Mr. Ash.

Wishing every brother success,

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD MAHONEY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 149.

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since my letter of Nov. 7th to you, business for electrical workers has been fairly good here, with the exception of the Northwestern Co., who have dispensed with a number of their men, as all of the heavy construction work is done. Only a few are retained to finish up the work, and perhaps to be permanent. The City R. R. and Aurora Commercial are still very busy, and the Chicago Tel. Co. are doing lots of work. The weather is all one could wish for at this time.

No. 149 held an open meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5th, for the benefit of its members and invited those who are members of other local unions working here. There were several short talks by the brothers of 149 and by the invited brothers, who spoke in behalf of Electrical Brotherhood unions, the benefits social and otherwise derived from them, and the bringing together members of other local unions who happen to be working in the same town. Of course, we recognize each other by our card, etc., but the only way to get at the feeling or principle of one another and exchange views and ideas is in a social way. Everybody present said

something, however short, and it was enjoyed because it was right to the point. After the speeches and short talks a good supper was spread and, as it was expected, all came prepared and partook heartily of the good things provided, and our invited guests hinted that 149 don't do things by halves. Next in order was cigars and lemonade, and music by Prof. Shoqur, pianist, who was engaged for the occasion, along with songs, recitations, imitations and stories, and then a dance given by the brothers. I assure you, sir, as electrical workers they are good, but I think some of the brothers of 149 are not following their proper avocation; but it often happens that you will find such rare talent among men when you become acquainted in a social way. All enjoyed a pleasant evening and left for their homes in good spirits.

Bro. Witt has been on the sick list for three weeks with malaria. He is now able to be at work again. Bro. McDonald has been laid up with a sprained thumb for three weeks. He will be able to be at work again soon.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN GLENNON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 152.

Ft. Scott, Kan., Dec. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have not seen anything in the Worker from here I will try and enlighten the outside world on what we are doing in Kansas.

Work is fair at present, as we have two telephone companies, two light companies and a street railway company. The street railway company and one of the light companies are one. This company is putting in new lighting machinery, which will be alternating. There are about fifteen men working here at present, but after the plant is installed we will only have about nine regulars. We hope to get our boys to fill these places and then if you haven't got a paid-up card don't light here. Wages are \$2.25 per day.

We would like to hear from Bro. Craighead and party who went to Texas a short time ago.

I see by the papers that the strike is on in earnest in San Antonio. Well, luck to you, boys of No. 60. Stay with it and win out, and I hope all locals in Texas will do the same thing.

If any of the brothers of 66 meet any Ft. Scott brothers, treat them kindly as they are a long way from home.

Hello, 141! Please send some traveling cards to your members who are working up here.

Well, I have written all I know and my light is not up to C. P. so will open the circuit and stop the flow of current as I am on a meter at one cent per hour.

Fraternally yours,
JAS. RUNKLE,
P. S., Pro Tem.

Local Union No. 153.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 1, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 153 is progressing nicely, in spite of the odds we have against us. We are still out with the rest of the Lone Star State locals for a State scale of wages, and I think things will come our way shortly, as the company is losing big money every day. The Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. are crippled up very badly on account of the strike here, as they have very few lines working since the storm of Sept. 8th, the night we voted to go out against the Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. Every member of 153 voted to go out. We were out two days when nine of the men went back to work, but they are not men any more, they are those things known as scabs. Those who are working here are scabs, and convicts, too. Every one working has a policeman to guard him. Lee Richardson, our president at the time the strike was declared on, was the first man to scab. The boys were all fooled very bad on this scab; they thought he was a true union man, but he turned out to be one of those dirty scabs. The next one to scab was our financial secretary, J. O. Brazelton, cable man, and we found out, since the strike was on, that this Brazelton scabbed on the plumbers. G. B. Bell, E. A. Thomson, D. H. Wilson, S. Block, W. L. Knowels and J. D. Richardson are the inspectors and trouble hunters that are scabbing. A would-be lineman from the north part of this State by the name of Ross Garland is scabbing, also. Then we have J. D. Packer, the king of scabs, and Desk Deal, an ex-member of 124, who is doing the scabbing act, also.

The Postal Telegraph Co. was made an unfair job and we would not allow any of the members of 153 to work for the Postal here on the island, as we claim the Postal Telegraph Company and the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company are the same as one company, here on the island. We have had some of our men working for the Postal here and drawing their pay from the S. W. T. & T. Co.

We think the strike will be settled in our favor in a short time, and we will not return to work until those scabs have got what is coming to them.

A man that will scab is a scab at heart, and his days are numbered, and he will soon be a thing of the past.

Yours respectfully,
H. C. RAWLINGS,
Pres. No. 153.

Local Union No. 159.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 6, 1900.
Editor Electrical Worker:

This union, No. 159, has just started. The linemen of Madison got their heads together and organized with eighteen charter members and have taken in five new

members since. We have nearly all the men working for the two Telephone companies, the Light Co. and the Street Railway, and expect to get them all in line soon.

There has been considerable work here the past six months, but I think work will slacken up soon. The Wis. Tel. Co. and the Light Co. have been rebuilding and extending their lines and putting some of them underground, and the other companies have also been doing considerable work.

Some of the boys (who, by the way, didn't want to buy any overcoats this winter), have gone a little further south. May success be with them.

Hoping this short letter will be in time for this month's Worker, I will close until next month. Yours truly,

H. W. SCHROEDER,
Press Sec.

Charters Granted Oct. 1, 1899-Oct. 1, 1900

Date.	No.	Place.	Organizer.
Oct. 6,	79	Syracuse, N. Y.	John Terrell
Nov. 8,	21	Philadelphia, Pa.	W.H. Jackson
" 15,	86	Rochester, N. Y.	Withdrew 44
" 20,	87	Newark, N. J.	C. A. Elmore
" 24,	88	Savannah, Ga.	E.J. McDonnell
" 29,	89	Akron, O.	Thos. Wheeler
Dec. 7,	15	Jersey City, N. J.	F.J. McNulty
" 12,	11	Waterbury, Ct.	P.H. Wissinger
" 13,	16	Evansville, Ind.	Through G.O.
" 14,	90	New Haven, Ct.	P.H. Wissinger
" 14,	91	Easton, Pa.	Patrick Lee
" 20,	92	Charleston, S. C.	J. H. Mays
" 22,	94	Holyoke, Mass.	P.H. Wissinger
" 22,	95	Joplin, Mo.	C. W. Stimson
" 26,	96	Worcester, .	P. H. Wissinger
" 28,	93	Ottawa, Ont.	C. S. Boudreault
Jan. 4,	97	Bradford, Pa.	L. E. Graves
" 4,	98	Philadelphia, P. H.	Wissinger
" 8,	99	Providence, . P. H.	Wissinger
" 12,	100	Mobile, Ala.	J. H. Lyons
" 16,	101	Brockton, Mass.	P.H. Wissinger
" 16,	102	Paterson, N. J.	F. J. McNulty
" 30,	35	Herkimer, N.Y.	Through G. O.
" 30,	103	Boston, Mass.	P. H. Wissinger
" 30,	104	Boston, Mass.	P. H. Wissinger
" 30,	105	Hamilton, Ont.	John A. Flett
Feb. 5,	106	Jamestown, N. Y.	Jas. Hanlon
" 7,	3	New York, .	P. H. Wissinger
" 14,	48	Richmond, Va.	J. S. Jiles
" 21,	12	Pueblo, Colo.	P. T. Bammes
" 24,	107	Louisville, Ky.	E. L. Kincaid
" 26,	108	Tampa, Fla.	D. H. Starr
Mar. 3,	13	El Paso, Tex.	Ed Cory
" 5,	109	Kock Island, Ill.	Through G.O.
" 9,	25	Terre Haute, Ind.	Geo. Cooper
" 16,	110	Pensacola, Fla.	Through G. O.
" 20,	111	Montreal, Can.	P.H. Wissinger
" 28,	112	Watertown, .	P. H. Wissinger
" 31,	113	Colorado Springs, J. E.	Jeanne
Apr. 4,	114	Toronto, Ont.	P. H. Wissinger
" 6,	115	Austin, Tex.	R. R. Tripp
" 6,	116	Columbus, Ga.	Through G. O.
" 7,	117	Paducah, Ky.	Sam Simon
" 9,	118	Dayton, O.	Through G. O.

Annual Report of Grand Secretary. Oct. 1, 1899, to Oct. 1, 1900.

	Per. Cap.	Initiation	Supplies	Emb.	But.	Asses.	Total
1 St. Louis, Mo.	192 10	26 00	10 62		22 00	250 72	
2 Kansas City, Mo.	56 20	9 00	2 50		1 00	68 70	
3 St. Louis, Mo.	456 20	174 00	29 65	5 00	2 00	676 85	
3 New York, N. Y.	470 00	7 00	37 55			514 55	
4 New Orleans, La.	104 00	60 00	9 50			173 50	
5 Pittsburg, Pa.	143 20	80 00	32 00	1 00	3 00	259 20	
6 San Francisco, Cal.	233 20	286 00	23 12	12 00	36 25	590 57	
7 Springfield, Mass.	128 40	72 00	11 75	8 00	3 00	223 15	
8 Toledo, O.	29 60	19 00	6 50		1 00	56 10	
9 Chicago, Ill.	459 80	150 00	17 50			13 25	640 55
10 Indianapolis, Ind.	182 60	84 00	8 75			23 00	298 35
11 Waterbury, Conn.	47 20	43 00	7 10			7 50	104 80
12 Greater New York	101 80	30 00	25 00	1 00			133 05
12 Pueblo, Colo.	15 80	25 00	17 50				58 30
13 El Paso, Tex.	25 00	27 00	10 38	5 00			67 38
14 Pittsburg, Pa.	48 90	51 00	19 75	1 50			121 15
15 Jersey City, N. J.	104 80	103 00	5 75				224 55
16 Evansville, Ind.	11 00	23 00	13 90	1 00	4 25		53 15
17 Detroit, Mich.	490 40	410 00	17 00	7 00	3 00	927 40	
18 Kansas City, Mo.	60 60	53 00	21 05			1 00	135 65
19 Atchison, Kan.	29 40	9 60	2 47			3 00	44 47
20 New York, N. Y.	196 40	296 00	26 00			26 20	541 60
21 Philadelphia, Pa.	165 20	177 00	19 75	4 00	30 00		395 95
22 Omaha, Neb.	148 80	20 00	17 05	8 50	15 00		209 35
23 St. Paul, Minn.	117 00	15 00	2 00			8 00	142 00
24 Minneapolis, Minn.	220 80	260 00	12 50			17 00	510 30
25 Louisville, Ky.			1 00				1 00
25 Terre Haute, Ind.	16 20	29 00	9 00			1 50	55 70
25 Washington, D. C.	85 40	9 00	6 30	5 50	3 00	309 20	
27 Baltimore, Md.	377 00	95 00	7 25		6 00		486 23
28 Fort Worth, Tex.	30 40	9 00	3 00			1 00	43 40
29 Trenton, N. J.	79 40	49 00	8 90				137 30
30 Cincinnati, O.	71 60	79 00	11 00	5 50	5 50		172 60
31 Duluth, Minn.	33 80	23 00	3 05	9 50	3 00		72 35
32 Lima, O.	31 80	24 00	8 00	3 00	5 25		64 85
33 New Castle, Pa.	34 00	26 00	8 25			6 75	75 00
34 Peoria, Ill.	35 20	8 00	13 50				56 70
35 Boston, Mass.	44 60	13 00				9 00	71 60
35 Rome, N. Y.	15 80	18 00	10 75			4 50	48 55
35 Massillon, O.		10 00	15 00	10 00			35 00
36 Sacramento, Cal.	43 40	16 00				3 00	62 40
37 Hartford, Conn.	137 00	65 00	6 25			14 50	222 75
38 Cleveland, O.	244 80	80 00	10 75			15 25	350 60
39 Cleveland, O.	283 50	137 00	6 50	13 00	51 75		491 75
40 St. Joseph, Mo.	95 00	28 00	6 25			10 75	140 00
41 Buffalo, N. Y.	185 80	56 00	9 50	1 00	3 50		255 80
42 Utica, N. Y.	77 20	42 00	8 35			16 75	144 30
43 Syracuse, N. Y.	83 40	10 00				3 00	96 40
44 Rochester, N. Y.	205 90	78 00	9 62			7 75	301 27
45 Buffalo, N. Y.	135 80	72 00	10 00	18 00	3 00		233 30
46 Lowell, Mass.	40 00	9 00	3 75			1 00	53 75
47 Sioux City, Ia.	76 00	18 00	5 50			2 00	101 50
48 Milwaukee, Wis.		1 00				2 00	3 00
48 Richmond, Va.	17 60	29 00	14 50				61 10
49 Chicago, Ill.	89 00	32 00	4 75			12 00	137 75
50 Memphis, Tenn.	13 00		5 00				18 00
50 Belleville, Ill.	14 10	8 00	12 10				34 20
51 Pittsburg, Pa.	54 80	35 00	9 75			3 00	102 55
52 Newark, N. J.	239 60	154 00	2 75			3 00	399 35
53 Harrisburg, Pa.	30 40	8 00	1 50			3 00	42 90
54 Columbus, O.	101 00	78 00	14 00			7 75	200 75
55 Des Moines, Ia.	71 40	24 00	9 50			5 75	110 65
56 Erie, Pa.	118 20	58 00	3 00			13 00	192 20
57 Salt Lake City, Utah	41 80	62 00	4 25				111 05
58 Niagara Falls, N. Y.	124 20	24 00	10 50	1 00	2 00		161 70
59 Chicago, Ill.	66 20	53 00	5 00			7 50	131 70

Apr. 11, 119 Newport News, F.E.Hanchett	60 San Antonio, Tex.	\$104 40	\$88 00	\$9 25		\$4 00	\$205 65
" 16, 120 London, Ont. P.H.Wissinger	61 Los Angeles, Cal.	108 10	145 00	33 15	28 50	27 75	342 50
" 24, 121 Denver, Col. F. Curigan	62 Youngstown, O.	69 20	42 00	13 55		1 00	125 75
" 27, 123 Louisville, Ky. Jas. McGee	63 Warren, Pa.	21 20	6 00	3 60	3 00	5 25	39 05
" 30, 50 Belleville, Ill. John Schultz	64 Oakland, Cal.	33 20	37 00	3 50			73 70
May 7, 124 Galveston, Tex. B. S. Cloyes	65 Butte, Mont.	169 00	34 00	9 25		18 25	230 50
" 11, 125 Johnstown, Pa. R. Y. Eden	66 Houston, Tex.	177 40	179 00	18 50	50	20 00	395 40
" 11, 126 Little Rock, Ark. E. G. Ferrell	67 Quincy, Ill.	45 60	8 00	25 00		3 00	56 85
" 15, 127 Hornellsville, N.Y. Thos. Irons	68 Denver, Col.	71 20	10 00	9 90		3 00	94 10
" 21, 128 Alton, Ill. Jos. Jiles	69 Dallas, Tex.	79 20	59 00	7 00	2 75	10 00	157 95
June 11, 129 St. Joseph, Mo. C. W. Stimson	70 Cripple Creek, Colo.	64 20	12 00	17 00	1 50	3 00	97 70
" 11, 130 New Orleans, La. T. G. Ziegler	71 Quebec, P. Q., Canada	19 40	35 00	10 50			64 90
" 11, 122 Great Falls, W. C. Medhurst	72 Waco, Tex.	63 80	71 00	7 00		6 00	147 80
" 13, 131 Columbia, S.C. Through G.O.	73 Spokane, Wash.	62 00	28 00	4 05		9 00	103 05
" 19, 132 Schenectady, H. W. Sherman	74 Winona, Minn.	19 80	14 00	75		4 50	39 05
" 19, 133 Detroit, Mich. G. H. Jacobs	75 Grand Rapids, Mich.	92 40	136 00	13 80	6 00	14 50	262 70
" 19, 134 Chicago, Ill. J. H. Maloney	76 Tacoma, Wash.	51 80	27 00	6 66		8 50	93 96
" 20, 135 Trenton, N.J. F. L. Morris	77 Seattle, Wash.	146 40	156 00	11 50	10 00	24 25	348 15
" 22, 136 Birmingham, Ala. J. H. Leath	78 Chicago, Ill.	54 80	21 00	8 00		3 00	86 80
July 5, 137 Albany, N.Y. E. J. Landy	79 Syracuse, N.Y.	96 80	79 00	18 38			194 18
" 12, 138 Ft. Wayne, Ind. C. O. Lathouse	80 Norfolk, Va.	37 10	54 00	3 75	1 00	7 00	102 85
" 19, 100 Jacksonville, Fla. (colored)	81 Scranton, Pa.	30 60	8 00	2 50		5 50	46 60
W.R. Peterson	82 Binghamton	32 00		2 40			34 40
" 19, 143 Conneaut, O. J. J. O'Connell	83 Milwaukee, Wis.	89 40	17 00	6 25			112 65
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" 23, 141 Wichita, Kas. C. W. Stimson	85 Augusta, Ga.	29 00	28 00	15 85			72 85
" 23, 142 Paterson, Kas. F. J. Roth	86 Rochester, N.Y.	76 80	28 00	11 92		8 50	123 22
" 25, 145 Saginaw, Mich. Wm. Warner	87 Newark, N.J.	78 80	71 00	13 50	10 00	14 25	187 55
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" 29, 35 Massillon, O. Hugh Marrin	90 New Haven, Conn.	44 50	52 00	3 25		10 00	169 85
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" 17, 149 Aurora, Ill. H. C. Beatty	94 Holyoke, Mass.	11 40	17 00	7 00			35 40
" 27, 100 Jacksonville, Fla. J. H. Mays	95 Joplin, Mo.	38 40	60 00	20 00			118 40
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	97 Bradford, Pa.	36 60	43 00	17 00	8 50		105 10
	98 Philadelphia, Pa.	267 80	389 00	15 75	3 00		675 55
	99 Providence, R.I.	25 00	22 80	4 50		6 25	50 55
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	102 Paterson, N.J.	41 00	91 00	6 50	1 00		139 50
	103 Boston, Mass.	63 70	8 00	2 62		2 00	76 32
	104 Boston, Mass.	107 30	103 00	9 50	2 00	15 75	237 55
	105 Hamilton, Ont., Can.	59 60	70 00	10 00	17 00	10 50	167 10
	106 Jamestown, N.Y.	27 40	44 00	19 50	3 50		94 40
	107 Louisville, Ky.	11 00	20 00	1 85			32 85
	108 Tampa, Fla.	11 60	15 00	13 15	1 00	4 75	45 50
	109 Rock Island, Ill.	26 90	51 00	14 35	30 50	4 00	126 75
	110 Pensacola, Fla.	14 00	13 00	12 00	1 00		40 00
	111 Montreal, P.Q., Can.	8 60	24 00	11 50			44 10
	112 Watertown, N.Y.	18 80	34 00				52 80
	113 Colorado Springs, Colo.	12 40	12 00	4 85			29 25
	114 Toronto, Ont., Canada	24 80	50 00	6 00	1 00	3 50	85 30
	115 Austin, Tex.	12 00	30 00	15 25			60 75
	116 Columbus, Ga.	3 20	21 00	5 75			29 95
	117 Paducah, Ky.	2 00	7 00	6 00			15 00
	118 Dayton, O.	29 20	52 00	5 25		6 75	93 20
	119 Newport News, Va.		29 00	17 00			46 00
	120 London, Ont., Canada	20 80	50 00	5 50	1 00	5 00	82 30
	121 Denver, Colo.	58 20	71 00	26 75	1 00	18 75	175 70
	122 Great Falls, Mont.	17 00	22 00	7 00			46 00
	123 Louisville, Ky.		13 00	4 93			17 93
	124 Galveston, Tex.	14 20	24 00				38 20
	125 Johnstown, Pa.		11				11 00
	126 Little Rock, Ark.	14 80	34 00	12 00		7 25	68 05

A Card.

Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 25, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I wish to state distinctly that the article published in the November issue of the Worker concerning my being a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary was written without my knowledge or consent and I want to correct the impression which it conveys, that I am looking for any office. I never was, am not at present, and never expect to be a candidate for that or any other office. The press secretary of 41 has promised to make a retraction in his letter to the Worker.

H. M. SCOTT,

F. S. 41.

Late Locals.

Local Union No. 10.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This will be my last chance so I will try to do the best I can.

Our strike is a thing of the past and our ball is over; every thing is very quiet now. Yes, the strike was a success, so was the ball. All our brothers are working just the same as if nothing had happened. We were out five weeks in our strike. Everybody seems to be satisfied the way it was settled, although we had to concede some we gained a great many points, and that is not to be kicked at.

We had Bro. Wheeler to lead the grand march for us. He can tell you what happened at the ball—a good time and a good crowd. Bro. Wheeler stayed over and was at the meeting of No. 10. He gave us quite a little talk. We also had a little jolt from Bro. Forbes. Well, did we get the D—? Well, I guess we did, but we have not raised our fee as yet. Any brother who has a good card can walk into No. 10 and welcome.

Our district has none too much work, only enough to keep No. 10 members busy.

This is of short duration and I suppose I will get it again for not sending more to read. Would like Bro. McKee, of No. 45, to read this. I will write him a personal letter in the near future. With best wishes will close.

W. J. BATLEY,
Press Sec.

Hot Shot.

Madison, Ill., Nov. 24, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am a member of Local No. 50, and there are a few questions I would like to ask. One is, why Belleville does not get a hustle on herself and elect a press secretary so she can be represented in our valuable Worker? Some time ago our Grand President was with us and there was not one word from Belleville sent to the Worker in his honor. It looks as if we were selfish and did not care to see any of our grand officers. I know, as Bro. Wheeler said in his item on Belleville, it is the hottest union town in the United States, if not in the world, and we are all proud of it, but we should not forget the old proverb, that a bird never flew so high but what his feathers will fall. It may be our case some day and we would have to call on our grand officers, and if we showed them a little respect they would feel more like coming to our assistance. Another thing, Local 50, where is the \$25 or \$30 subscription which was taken up for "Old Crip," Bro. Wright, of Denton, Tex., for his books? We are getting anxious to see some of them coming our way. Well, as

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it is getting late will have to close so will throw the switch for this time, hoping Belleville will get in line with a press secretary by the next issue of the Worker.

Yours fraternally,
Member of Local 50.

The man who breeds dissension in a union is the greatest foe union labor has to contend against. He usually employs the cowardly weapon of slander and falsehood against some one who has incurred his displeasure, because he did not go the way the discord breeder wanted him to go, and because he dared to think differently on certain subjects foreign to the malcontent's reasoning. Harmony is the greatest force necessary to make the labor movement a success, and the man who, for selfish purposes and without good reason, tries to make life a burden to other members should be promptly sat upon and squelched.—Nashville Advocate.

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No. 63, Warren, Pa.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesdays at D. O. H. Hall, cor. 2d and Liberty sts. Pres., Chas Wright, Buchanan st.; R. S., C. S. Burkett, 413 E Water st.; F. S., N. H. Spencer, Rogers Bld.

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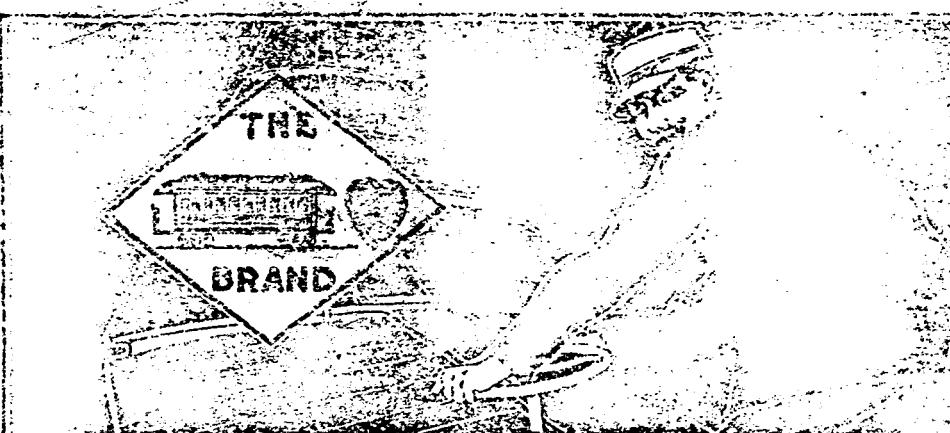
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